

Friday, January 1, 1915.

Arrived about 6 A.M. from Winnipeg and went to the office during forenoon. At noon and until 1 P.M. attended levee of H.R.H. In evening went over correspondence accumulated during ray absence. Levee very large and Col. Staunton had great difficulty in deciphering cards. He called Maohado McAdoo", anglicized "Gagnoa" and Gallicized "Anglin".

Saturday, January 2, 1915.

Worked at correspondence and called Council at 12. Dealt with several Militia Orders. Resumed Council in afternoon but Hughes suffering from swollen knee unable to attend. Attended H.R.H. and discussed Indian immigration as to which he has important despatch. Carrick came to see about his appointment as Intelligence Officer.

Sunday, January 3, 1915.

Attended special service in morning at All Saints and in evening at Dominion Methodist Church. Proclamation was read at All Saints and at Methodist Church. Dr. Sparling spoke appreciatively of Gov't action in fixing day of intercession. "Formidable" torpedoed yesterday by German submarine. Col. Carson called afternoon and gave report as to Salisbury.

Monday, January 4, 1915.

Conference with Hughes in hospital and found him in great excitement as to delay in ordering supplies. He suggested a committee of business men which I submitted afterwards to Council who apparently felt aggrieved by the suggestion. Nearly whole day taken up with Council and conferences. Telegram from Perley as to Russian exposure of Allison. Told Hughes of incident and of my reply to Perley.

Tuesday, January 5, 1915.

Many Conferences. Delegation from Lincoln as to Lancaster. Long conference

in afternoon as to G.T.P. with Chamberlain who wishes to get rid of lease. Told him we expected Co. to carry out contract. Council at 4 and dealt with despatch from Ambassador as to shooting of American citizen. Discussed evidence with Atty, Gen'l Lucas and drafted despatch to Ambassador that we would give compensation. Conference in evening with Baker as to purchase of rifles in U.S. Also with McNab who came with message from Morris as to union with NFLD.

Wednesday, January 6, 1915.

Conference with H.R.H. at 11.30 and afterwards with many others. McInnes spoke on behalf of Canadian Northern. Council at 2.30 and disposed of case of Mewa Singh. Discussed bye-elections. Majority thought we should not accept proposal of Laurier that they should stand over, which he made to me this A.M. Conference with McKenzie as to C.N.R. and told him Bank was in good position as if we took over the road we must take care of them. In evening Conference with Rogers, White and Cochrane as to terms proposed by Morris for union with Nfld.

Thursday, January 7, 1915.

Wrote Laurier as to my understanding of interview and first telephoned him my reasons for doings. Issued writ of Prince Albert. Rogers went to Montreal. Discussed with him proposed interview with H.G. and T.G.S. Conferred with Cochrane as to M.J. O'B and as to officials of I.C.R. in Quebec pointing out that they ought to speak French. ColStrange died at Salisbury of pneumonia.

Friday, January 8, 1915.

Hughes asked me to call at hospital where he still is. Discussed many matters with him. On matters which touch his insane egotism he is quite unbalanced. On all other matters able and sometimes brilliant. Called Council at 3.30 and sat till midnight going over military orders. Bergeron came to see me about Ry. Comm'nship. He was very pleasant although disappointed. Discussed Montreal postmastership. He told me that B.C. is very peculiar country as the flowers have no perfume, the fruit has no flavour and the women have no passion.

Saturday, January 9, 1915.

Council at 11 and discussed militia orders. Practically settled them. In afternoon passed orders for bye-elections in Westmoreland and London. Crothers reports trouble in latter which he has just visited. Passed O.C. for investigation into charges made by Hanson and Mimms. Telegram came announcing the death of poor George Clare. Sent message of sympathy. In evening Rogers Northrups and Draytons came to dinner. War news still encouraging.

Sunday, January 10, 1915.

I have just read a sententious Americanism "Today is the tomorrow you were worrying about yesterday". Read part of Foundations of the nineteenth Century by Chamberlain. Saw C.J. as to Newfoundland matters, Ontario Separate Schools and American Note. He had letter from Chandler P. Anderson as to lack of foresight by British Foreign Office. Says that Lansing is a poor lawyer and copper interests are represented by Bassett Moore who is very able.

Monday, January 11, 1915.

Wrote Parley as to conditions at Salisbury Plain. Newspaper rumors that Capt. Newton has been killed. Col. H.F.Mcleod dangerously ill with pneumonia. It is said that he has been drinking freely. Went to see Hughes about appointment of P. Burns and found him unreasonable and maladroit. Held Council and disposed of considerable business. Many applications for Halifax postmastership. Discussed railway situation in Council. White much excited. H.J. Crowe told me a long story about W.D. Reid.

Tuesday, January 12, 1915.

Still in doubt about Capt. Newton. H.R.H. hasn't heard. Issued writs in Terrebonne and Jacques Cartier. Letter from Lancaster containing threats of dire consequences unless he is appointed to Bench. Wrote Perley as to defects at Salisbury Plain. Roche would like to be railway Comm'r. as he Informed Blount. Boyce very anxious to be appointed Judge and claims representations held out by Meighen. Reid says Cochrane's condition bad.

Wednesday, January 13, 1915.

Yesterday and today beautifully mild bright winter days. Conference with Chamberlain as to N.T.R. He wanted offer as to operation of whole line by Gov't. Told him we wanted him to carry out contract. Held Council and discussed it at some length. Instructed Newcombe to draft letter for Cochrane and approved it. Conference with Morine and Crowe as to Nfld. matters. Telegraphed Perley as to conditions at Salisbury Plain and wrote him. Rumors that Bourassa will run in Terrebonne.

Thursday, January 14, 1915.

Shaughnessy came from Montreal and discussed Nfld and railway situation here. He is very much disturbed at our idea of taking over N.T.R. Chamberlain told me frankly G.T.P. could not operate it as it would bankrupt their road. Discussed it in Council this afternoon and arranged for reply to their letter asking rental amt. Col. Staunton came to see me as to board established by Hughes.

Friday, January 15, 1915.

Drafted letter to Chamberlain and discussed it with Rogers, Cochrane and White. Rogers much opposed to Govt operation of road. Conferred with Casgrain and Doherty as to retirement of Coderre and afterwards with Patenaude as to entering Cabinet. Decided that he should not run for Terrebonne. Discussed with Pattinson McCollough and Forbes bye-election in S. Waterloo. Rec'd delegation of Trades and Labour Congress from 12 to 2. and replied in a cautious way to their proposals.

Saturday, January 16, 1915.

Held Council and issued writ for S. Waterloo Rogers reported as to his conference with H.G. who is very unreasonable and raises absurd claims. He nearly talked Rogers to death. Disposed of two capital cases, one commuted with some doubt. Conference with M.J.O'B as to acquisition of his railroad. Subsequent conference with Sir Wa. McK. as to C.N.R. and its prospects. Sent to Montreal for experts to examine Lamsons Aerial torpedo. Anglins came to dinner.

Sunday, January 17, 1915.

Took things quietly and did not rise until noon. Walked with Laura 2 to 3. Weather very mild, nearly 40. In afternoon Lamson, Prof Derley of McGill and Christie came. Telephoned to Shaughnessy to hold Vaughan until Derley sees him. H.R.H. Lord Richard Neville came at 4.45 and Captain Dupont a little before. Duke says he has very cheerful telegram from Harcourt. Dupont much distressed because he did not register at Government House.

Monday, January 18, 1915.

Took up Militia Department organization Council and discussed it further in the evening. Conference with H.R.H as to appointment of examining board. Harris and Cantley made representations as to action against their agents for trading with enemy and I promised consideration. Drafted speech from Throne and revised second draft. Received delegation, Mayor and others as to overland pipe line and. wrote Hanna. Confce with A.H. Harris and instructed him to proceed to London and confer with Admiralty and W.O. as to ships required for our supplies ordered by British and Allied Gov'ts. Gave him letters to Churchill, Harcourt, Kitchener and Perley.

Tuesday, January 19, 1915.

Executed my will and told Laura of provisions made for her. Conferred with Vaughn of C.P.R. as to Lamson's invention. Conference with Carried and litters of introduction and explanation to Harcourt. Telegraphed Perley that he should remain until end of war. Sent for Gonl Smith to explain his memo as to examining Board. Found him unable to do so. A useless man but well meaning. White spoke of middlemen (3) in order for glasses through Ellis of Toronto.

Wednesday, January 20, 1915.

Conference with H.E.H. He spoke of Harrison's book "The Kaiser's War" and said that the immorality and licentiousness in Germany, especially in the military class, were only feebly portrayed. Telegraphed Hughes as to examining Board. Rogers told me of Fowler's report of his language respecting Foster White and Rogers. Submitted speech from Throne to H.E.H. and Council and both approved it. Held Council and disposed of many matters.

Thursday, January 21, 1915.

Held Council and disposed of many matters. Considered «e increase of pensions to soldiers on active service. Discussed with White proposal for income tax and considered it in Council. Objection that direct taxation should be left to Provinces seems strong. Asked Ontario Ministers to consider Senatorships. Received report from Prof. Derley upon Lamson's invention of aerial torpedo. Went to "Echo Beach" party in evening at Devlins. Submitted to H.R.H. telegram to Harcourt as to submarines.

Friday, January 22, 1915.

Long Interview with E.R.Wood as to refining nickle and as to financial conditions. Telegraphed Perley as to several matters. Conference with Lamson and wrote Peterson to have Invention considered by McGill Physicists. Laura left for Toronto last night to attend Red Cross meeting. Burrell returned and reported as to interview with Ambassador. Directed Pope to proceed to Washington. Temp. 10 below. Conference with Arch. of Montreal as to School question in Ontario. He fears civil war.

Saturday, January 23, 1915.

Laura returned from Toronto quite disgusted with her visit which was quite unnecessary. Telegram from Perley as to Duke visiting Panama exhibition and as to placing Canadian Cavalry under Col. Seely. Duke opposed to this and thinks Seely not much good. Does not relish going to Exhibition. No reply from Hughes and decided to suspend function of his Examining Board. Had Fiset before Council and discussed report on boots. Col. Halleck present, rather stupid.

Sunday, January 24, 1915.

A most glorious winter day. The slight snowfall of yesterday made a fairyland of the landscape. Brilliant moonlight this evening. Col. W. S. and Mrs. Hughes called. A very capable man and a good officer. Naval engagement in North Sea this morning. German A.C. Blucher was sunk and two other German ships severely damaged. Four cruisers in the attempted raid.

Monday, January 25, 1915.

Fierce letter from Perley as to Hughes and his unbridled tongue. Conference with Duke as to attending opening of Panama Ex. He does not relish the idea. Says King must decide. Further instructed Pope as to visit to Washington. Told him to get rid of Fort Erie incident and afterwards we would send in a dignified protest as to the case they ignored. Discussed political situation with Dr. Reid who considers Ontario in fine condition.

Tuesday, January 26, 1915.

Staunton came breathless at 6 while I was in Council bringing message from Harcourt to Duke urging him to attend Panama Ex. Said Duchess greatly upset and disturbed. Pears Duke may be killed or kidnapped. Explained that he is most important member of Royal Family. Asked me most urgently to stop all proceedings. Duke himself very much depressed at idea of going. Told Staunton I would do my best. Telegraphed Pope not to take it up with U.S.Gov't. Council. Discussed seed grain and White was in paroxysm about expenditure. MacKenzie and Lash conferred in evening as to C.N.R. Lash representing Bank. Told Lash that if enterprise was

successfully carried out Bank must of course be paid. If it failed and Government took it over we must recognize and reimburse Bank.

Wednesday, January 27, 1915.

Held Council in afternoon and considered many matters connected with war. Increase of pensions referred to a committee. Discussed Estimates and adjourned them to Saturday. At request of Cochrane sent for Gray (Wm) to come to Ottawa. Attended H.R.H. and submitted draft telegram as to attendance at Panama Ex. In evening telegram from Harcourt as to raid projected in Boston. Long conference with Lamson as to his invention and telephoned to Gov. Hendrie.

Thursday, January 28, 1915.

Arranged with Gray that his candidature in London at next election should be in my hands. Several communications with Meredith and Moore. Hazen reported that 700,000 wasted in Oliver equipment. No apparent excuse except the stubbornness of Hughes. In afternoon long conference with Meighen, Cochrane and Foster as to proposals of Newfoundland for admission to Confederation.

Friday, January 29, 1915.

Sent for Fiset and interrogated him as to ammunition and waste of money in Oliver equipment. Conference with Edgar McDougall as to conditions on Salisbury plain and friction between British and Canadian officers. Resignation arrived from J. Stanfield. Reid very anxious about Cochrane's health. Was at office very early and dealt with much correspondence. Discussed C.N.R. situation with Doherty and Meighen and approved Meighen's memo for discussion of Hfld question with Reid.

Saturday, January 30, 1915.

Held Council at 11, and dealt with Estimates. Casgrain threatened to resign unless Quebec terminals proceeded with at full speed. Told him politely that we would not do it. Dupond came to complain of Feline's interference. Telegraphed Perley. News today that our Expeditionary Force is proceeding to France. Dined with H.R.H. Heard today that Fred is very ill.

Sunday, January 31, 1915.

Went over documents for submission to Parliament in relation to War. News this afternoon that German submarine had torpedoed British steamer off Fleetwood

north of Liverpool. This very disturbing as troops and supplies proceeding across Atlantic from Canada or elsewhere to be cut off. Col. Staunton said last evening that allied troops probably outnumber German armies confronting them. Believes Germany forces can be driven out of France, and Belgium immediately but at great cost. Beautiful winter day.

Monday, February 1, 1915.

Much milder but approaching zero again tonight. White ill and unable to attend Council. Discussed reciprocity or preference with Australia. Rec'd delegation from West I touching non-employment. John Stanfield arrived. Conferred with him as to causes of his resignation. Think he will reconsider. Interesting letter from Perley as to Imp.Com.Dept. Also from Cahan as to recent visit to England.

Tuesday, February 2, 1915.

Hughes returned this morning in good form and talked very coolly and sensibly about his western trip. Discussed afterwards with him, Bertram, Nicholls and Carnegie the production of toll and telegraphed to Perley. White ill yesterday and today. Saw Laurier and explained our sessional programme. John Stanfield in better form and had good interview with Cochrane. Wrote to C.J. as to detriment of indiscreet utterance re Ontario School situation. Conferred with Nesbitt and Magill as to nickle situation.

Wednesday, February 3, 1915.

Examined reports as to nickle and telegraphed to War Office. Christie becoming more and more useful. Long letter from Spring Rice as to condition of public opinion in U.S. Also as to settlement of Fort Erie shooting case. He pays high compliment to Pope's ability in dealing with it. Held Council and discussed many matters. Perused hurriedly long report of Militia Department which Fiset has had prepared under my direction.

Thursday, February 4, 1915.

Yesterday and today most beautiful winter weather. Worked in morning at correspondence. Quite brilliant opening. Mrs. Kelly Evans present and took her to Speaker's Chambers afterwards. Met many members and Senators who thought I was looking in fine form. Telegram from Perley that he leaves tomorrow for Br. Hdquarters and asked message from Gen. French which I sent. State dinner at Gov't House at 7.30 and ladies reception afterwards. 114 at State Dinner. Sat next to Papal Delegate.

Friday, February 5, 1915.

Weather much milder. Had Dingwall to luncheon; proprietor of "Current Opinion". He is an interesting man. Says German propaganda in U.S. is making no headway. Discussed in Council seed grain and relief in West and afterwards received western delegation. In Council White fiercely indignant against Rogers methods in dealing with matter as acting Minister.

Saturday, February 6, 1915.

Held Council. Hughes did not attend. White explained his scheme of taxation (but not tariff changes) for increased revenue. Many suggestions made and Breadner called in to explain. Duke says Hughes is delaying drafts. Promised to see him. Drafted notes for speech on address. Rec'd telegram from Harcourt to be read in Parliament. Also telegram from Kitchener as to condition of Expeditionary Force. Dined with Fitzpatrick to meet Mrs. Davis, wife of head of U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Sunday, February 7, 1915.

Weather very mild (40) yesterday and today. Went over vast mass of papers on various matters especially export of nickel. Revised notes for speech. Dupont, Ryerson, Thorne, Markham and others called in afternoon. Yesterday received Archbishop Germanos and his chaplain who came with Archbishop Hamilton. Told me through interpreter that he would conduct service of intercession today for King and Empire.

Monday, February 8, 1915.

Worked at Speech until 11 then to office. Council at 2 and discussed pensions. Weichel and Achim made excellent speeches. Laurier not very forcible. I spoke from 5.15 to 6. C. Murphy and many others of opposition warmly congratulated me. Clark spoke in evening a rather mean speech, trying to be plausibly fair but to make political capital. Conference afterwards with MacKintosh Bell.

Tuesday, February 9, 1915.

Very short session of house. Detained at my room afterwards with many conferences. Discussed Nova Scotia with Douglas who gives good account. Wishes me to write Bishop Morrison respecting candidate. Discussed budget at Council in evening and determined to add postal war tax of one cent on every letter. White read his speech which is very good.

Wednesday, February 10, 1915.

Caucus 10 to 1. Several members went for Hughes in very severe terms and alluded to serious information in i hands of opposition. I addressed them, pointing out my course in [sending all such matters to Dept. of Justice. Hughes spoke, had splendid opportunity but was stupid and tactless. Discussed NFLD with Shaughnessy and shooting at Fort Erie with Doherty. Held Council at 5.30 to debate one cent war tax on postal cards. Dinner, took in Mrs. Hazen. Col. Staunton, Miss Adam, The gorse, the Reids (J.D.) the Armstrongs &c. Also the Kelly Evans. Painful discussion with Casgrain as to personal matter which affects him very deeply.

Thursday, February 11, 1915.

White delivered Budget speech. Very cogent very concise, every word told, some passages very eloquent. It was a very lucid, business statement. His voice was good and he looked strong and confident. It was well received and he was loudly applauded at the close. Afterwards in motions Pugsley made a grossly partisan speech on which Hazen and I vigorously attacked him.

Friday, February 12, 1915.

Very strong feeling against Hughes. Every one accuses him of discourtesy, pomposity, vanity to an absurd degree, favoritism, arrogance and lack of business methods. Bennet and Bell, our candidate in Lethbridge, came to lunch. Foster nearly wept in Council because says Hughes flouts them all. Discussed McGregor's candidature in Pictou with Cochrane who will send for him. Rogers left for N.Y. to confer with Morris.

Saturday, February 13, 1915.

Council at eleven. Went to Canadian Club and heard wonderfully eloquent address by Foster on "Some Phases of the War". Discussed with Cochrane candidature of McGregor in Pictou. Sent telegrams to Perley as to necessity of tonnage on Atlantic. Discussed with Hughes many matters touching his department. Told him to prepare himself very thoroughly.

Sunday, February 14, 1915.

Service in all churches in commemoration of Century of Peace. Special prayers and eloquent sermon by Mr. MacKay. Walked home with Sir Henry Bate who told me of very mild winter in 1852. the year of his marriage. Went over great pile

of clippings and through memorandum^prepared by MacKenzie^of utterances of liberal leaders and journals during past two years on emergency. Rogers reported as to N.Y. visit. Said that Meighen did not go. Evidently mistook date.

Monday, February 15, 1915.

Private members day. Long speeches from Carvell on sundry motions. Ministers careless about attendance in House. Sat until 11.45. Laurier desired debate on budget postponed. Discussed in Council boot report and informed them of my intention to have whole matter referred to Committee. Gave notice accordingly in House. Mrs. Rogers and seven other ladies appeared in kilts at Skating Carnival. Much criticism expressed. Great show of legs.

Tuesday, February 16, 1915.

Considered programme in Council and decided on Estimates. Moved for committee to investigate boots. Gave ministerial explanation as to changes in Cabinet. Laurier made disparaging remarks as to Pelletier and Doherty and latter went for him fiercely. Blondin, although having a splendid opportunity sat dumb. Read telegram Harcourt that entire Canadian Contingent at the front. Very weary and did not go to House in evening.

Wednesday, February 17, 1915.

Ash Wednesday. Under order passed yesterday Government has every day but Monday after this week. Dealt with much correspondence. Conference with Aikins as to his work on boot committee. Meighen thinks we must have a Bill to enable soldiers to vote. Cochrane in poor health went away for a week on Monday night. Ewatts dined with us and played bridge afterwards. Weather much older.

Thursdays February 18, 1915.

Private members day. Council at 12. to discuss our position on bills amending Hallway Act. Specially discussed deadlock between shippers of grain and steamships. Directed Foster to bring together upper and lower elevator men and vessel men. Concluded debate on Bickerdikes bill. Doherty made excellent speech. Laurier not in House. Letter from Julia that dear mother is not so well and apparently failing.

Friday, February 19, 1915.

British Columbia regiment arrived and was reviewed by H.R.H. Fine looking men. Considerable proportion of British born. One Servian, tall swarthy fellow. Beautiful day and inspiring scene. Ran through order paper and House adjourned at 5. Delegation from Brantford urging appointment of Cockshutt to Senate. Dupont left yesterday for N.Y. and very sorry to go

Saturday, February 20, 1915.

In Council 11 to 2.30. Dealt with capital case. Discussed several recommendations from Militia and asked for further information. Contract given by French Gov't for 40,000 sets Artillery harness. Letter from Julia that mother is not so well. Laurier making inquiry as to filling High Commissioner's office. Delightful weather. Walked fronts to 6. Dinner in evening at which I took in Madame Landry. Mrs. Oliver on my other side. Hot so bright as usual.

Sunday, February 21, 1915.

Glorious winter day. Worked at my papers during forenoon. Telegram from G.W. Stephens asking for telegram to Br. Am. Com, as to his standing and character. Telegraphed Harcourt. Telegram from Perley that bombardment of Dardanelles by big ships will shortly begin. J. C. Eaton called in afternoon. Message from Bk. Montreal as to Stephens. Evidently he is in some trouble.

Monday, February 22, 1915.

Disposed of several motions. P.E. Island rep'n, Fort Erie shooting, voting by soldiers at the front &c. Then went into Estimates. Long letter from Perley describing his visit to Front. Also letter from Farquhar giving glowing description of Prin. Pats. Conferred with Ames as to Speaker League to stimulate enlistment. Telegram from Williams that his command cancelled. The weather extraordinarily mild and much like the end of March. Snow rapidly disappearing.

Tuesday, February 23, 1915.

Budget debate resumed today. Maclean made lengthy speech strongly attacking Gov't for alleged excessive expenditures. I asked him whether opposition had moved against any part and he said No. A.G. Macdonnell followed and made a good reply. Weather still very mild. Conference with Colleagues as to Speakers Patriotic League. They thought Gov't should not give grant or be associated with it.

Wednesday, February 24, 1915.

Forgot to mention that Allison called on Monday when I spoke frankly of complaints made against him. Meighen also reported on Monday as to his visit to N.Y. and conference with Morris. Today heard delegation from Farmers Bank and told them we could not introduce legislation this session. Yesterday had delegation [from By. Loco & Fireman Ass'n asking for legislation as to several matters. Sent for Hughes who explained as to wms and said he himself would take command of Second Contingent. He has little confidence in Alderson and said that the officers were pessimistic. Broke down in speaking of his son. Budget debate continued. Burnham made extraordinary speech.

Thursday, February 25, 1915.

Very tired today. Did not go to office at all and remained as quiet as possible. Discussed some matters with Blount in morning and with Christie in afternoon. Letter from Hughes that he cannot go to the front on account of something given out to the press. Few from field of action both East and west not very encouraging. Looks like a long drawn out war.

Friday, February 26, 1915.

Went to office. Held Council and disposed of many routine matters and remained in office until 4 P.M. to clean up correspondence. Then returned to residence and worked at various matters. Talked with Hughes as to his Department and as to command of Second Contingent. He is desperately averse to giving up his portfolio and yet wishes to go to the Front.

Saturday, February 27, 1915.

Still very fatigued but went to office and sat in Council 11 to 5.30 and then completed correspondence. Disposed of many matters in Council and discussed G.T.P. situation &c. Confoe with H.B.H. at 1.50 and reported as to commands. He thinks Steele and Dennison not physically fit. Telegram from Perley that one officer killed and 3 wounded. Official report to Hughes that Bell Irving of B.C. killed. Dinner party in evening. Took in Mrs. White, Mrs. A.W. Mrs. Redford on my other side. Told me of Lord Roberts visit to France at French's request because Indian Troops not doing well. Her boy of 19 at front.

Sunday, February 28, 1915.

Attended service at All Saints. Good sermon by Mr. MacKay. Weather cold and bright. Letter from Duke enclosing telegram from Harcourt as to bombardment of

Dardanelles and letter from Spring Bice as to conditions in U.S. Conditions Unchanged in land operations but it is hoped that great successful movement may soon be made. We must be accumulating great force in France. Many callers in afternoon. Blount with correspondence in evening.

Monday, March 1, 1915.

Went to office, held Council and arranged answers to questions. Conference with H.R.H. who gave me interesting letter from Alderson as to First Exp. Force. Considers Brigadiers in this order of efficiency, Ourrie, Turner, Mercer, Mitchell best and Morrison worst in Artillery. Kitchener and H.H. both saw wonderful improvement in men in 3 months. Cockshutts motion on food products occupied nearly whole day. He made a stupid speech and his chief asset is his loud voice. Aikins in reply was even more stupid.

Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

Pugsley continued debate on budget and made an ineffective speech. He was followed by J.E. Armstrong. Conference with Miss Gunn and another nurse from Toronto and conferred with Hughes and Jacques as to their representations. it. Boggs, son of Beam't Boggs formerly of Halifax killed in action. Sent telegrams to his father and to Bell Irving. Lunched with T.C.C. to meet Gov. and Mme LeBlanc. Mrs. T.C.C. very bright and ladylike. In evening dined with Rogers at Chateau to meet Shaughnessys. A party of 30.

Wednesday, March 3, 1915.

Debate on budget continued. Wilcox made a very humorous beginning for 10 minutes just before six. Conference with Shaughnessy respecting steamship and other matters. Bead in House message from Perley giving statements from Kitchener and Alderson. In evening 9,45 reception at Gov't House. Took Princess in to Supper. Very large gathering and not so tiresome as was anticipated as every one passed the dais and shook hands with H.R.H., this making it much like a drawing room.

Thursday, March 4, 1915.

Many conferences this morning. Three Senators came to urge Lougheed's claims to honours. Mysterious telegram from Perley as to a letter from Hughes. In afternoon Laurier precipitated a debate as to Shortt's language. It continued until midnight with much hot firing. I spoke without heat describing Shortt's action as unfortunate. Graham closed debate in a stump speech with much affected indignation about White charging them with disloyalty.

Friday, March 5, 1915.

Much correspondence and many interviews. Dr. Adams, Fergie and James White came to urge regulation of coal mining methods in West. Long telegram from Perley as to letter given by Hughes to Miss Plummer and another young lady. Two German submarines sunk. A.H.Harris reported as to his mission to England. McNab last evening brought printed memorandum as to conditions, resources, &c. of Nfld Budget debate continued.

Saturday, March 6, 1915.

Very mild delightful weather. Letter from T.G.S. as to intention of German interned ships to escape from N.Y. Harbour &c. Telegram thereon to Spring Rice and Harcourt. Council 11 to 5.30. Passed order as to Am.Ships bringing fish to B.C. Discussed equipment of troops and wagons, harness &c. left behind at Salisbury. Also St. John Valley Ry. contract. Published statement as to 18 steamships secured from Admiralty. Dined at Ewatts, Egans, Beckles, Wilsons, & al.

Sunday, March 7, 1915.

Springlike day. Temperature above 40. Walked down Pleasance Walk along river brink. Snow rapidly disappearing. Chief Justice of N.S. as to his proposed resignation. Capt. Emile Hermew called with Dr. Ami. Showed us photo of the ruins of his house at Senlis. No special news today. Read judges report of trial of Harry Mason whose sentence we considered in Council yesterday

Monday, March 8, 1915.

Long discussion in House over Mil authorizing transfer of C.P.R. Steamships to a separate Co. Discussed in Council Mason capital case and postponed action until Doherty's return. Reid and Cochrane say that Ontario looks excellent. But Quebec very doubtful. Rumored that Gouin will enter Federal arena. We can give Grits 55 seats in Quebec and still have a working majority.

Tuesday, March 9, 1915.

Discussed capital case (Mason) and decided on commutation. Doherty, Lougheed, Poster and Hazen strongly opposed. Laurier is to move amendment to budget tomorrow. Settled St. John Valley Ry. difficulty, with Cochrane. Discussed railway extension in U.S. with him. Arranged that White shall reply to Laurier. Blockade of British Isles by German has proved utterly ineffective. Fleet making good progress in Dardanelles.

Wednesday, March 10, 1915.

Delegation from Can. Ry. Emp. Ass'n ; from Ass'n of Ontario Municipalities for aid to Electric Rys; from Dom. Temp. Alliance. Laurier moved amendment to budget and made a demagogic speech. White spoke for 3 hours in reply and made a magnificent speech, the best he has ever made in Parliament, arousing tremendous enthusiasm among our supporters. Telegram from Perley that Alderson speaks enthusiastically of our men at the Front. Our men all keen for an election.

Thursday, March 11, 1915.

Telegram from Perley that our men distinguished themselves in brilliant action yesterday. Good speech from Bowman in evening. Discussed McLean's motion for reference to Public Accounts Committee of correspondence between Militia and Auditor General. Quarrel between Bowser and McBride threatened to be disastrous. Telegraphed McB. last evening and had reply that differences would probably be settled.

Friday, March 12, 1915.

Several delegations today, notably one from National Council of Women as to care and control of feeble minded. Very good speeches by Mrs. Parrington, Prof. Carrie Derrick and Mrs. Dennis. Discussed yesterday with Lash arrangements to complete Quebec and Saguenay and afterwards saw Forget. Debate on budget still continues. Conference with Shortt as to unfortunate incident respecting his utterances. He suggested he should retire and work on Historical documents.

Saturday, March 13, 1915.

Delightful bright clear weather, thermometer almost 30, In Council all day and disposed of a great amount of business. Hughes rec'd secret telegram that Contingent should arrive about 1st May. Evident that our men distinguished themselves in action on Wednesday last. Br. Auz. Cruiser sunk by Submarine and 200 lives lost. Lunched with Consul Goor to meet Dr. Chas. Sarolea who is a very interesting and apparently able man.

Sunday, March 14, 1915.

Wonderfully bright delightful day. Temp. 31. Went to All Saints. Company of Artillery occupied front seats, 100 men. Had pipes and drums. Sir D. Mann came in afternoon and spoke of willingness of American capitalists to take large interest in O.U.R. They desire to know attitude of Gov't. Told him they could

send confidential agent here. Sen. Murphy described conditions in P.E.I. Hrs. Van Dusen told us of work done by young society ladies in I.Y. for Red Cross. She says Americans are afraid President will weaken in attitude as he is a student of German Philosophy.

Monday, March 15, 1915.

Interview with several delegations, one from Dartmouth. Discussed with O'Connor situation in Halifax* Rogers reported as to his interview with H.G. Says that the latter was greatly disappointed that High Commissionership was not offered to him. Deter spoke on budget in afternoon. Speech not as effective as usual. Tried to be too judicial in repelling Laurier's attack. Am suffering severely from cold which has remained with me for two months.

Tuesday, March 16, 1915.

Worked at my speech all forenoon. Had a tremendous field day In the House, a great crowd in the galleries. Spoke for an hour with great vigor and made a strong attack on Laurier and his amendment. My speech was received with tremendous applause and received wide and warm congratulations. Meighen and Bennett also spoke with great vigor and eloquence. Voted at 3.30 A.M. Our majority 45. Gauthier came in chair to vote with us. Dined with Speaker.

Wednesday, March 17, 1915.

Disposed of several matters in Council. Took up and passed tariff resolutions in the House. Discussion desultory. MacKenzie came to discuss ry. situation and seems anxious for us to take C.N.R. and G.T.P. He thinks we should have early elections. White is doubtful on account of severe fighting in May and June. Looks as we might prorogue by Easter. Grits seem discouraged. Lunched with McCurdy to meet military men from Halifax.

Thursday, March 18, 1915.

Budget proposals under discussion. No very strong criticism. They were passed and we went into Estimates. Sir W. McK. conferred with me as to my ry situation. He is sure that policy of Government ownership would be most popular and would sweep the country. Sent Rogers to N.Y. to confer with Mann and Vanderlip as to C.N.R. Telegram from Perley that Grey thinks war will last 8 months, Harcourt 18 and Kitchener at least a year. Every one pressing for election.

Friday, March 19, 1915.

Yesterday motion passed to take Saturdays and forenoons. Steele arrived and is willing to command 2nd Ex. Force. Discussed ry. policy yesterday with Cochrane who is prepared to stand for state ownership of all the rys. Broken tooth repaired yesterday and today. French members want election. Hughes seems lately much less excitable and impulsive and much saner than usual.

Saturday, March 20, 1915.

Very tired and suffering from cold which is much worse today. Council 11 to 1 and dealt with items of special stamp taxes and Dutch standard for sugar. Interview with Currie as to contract for shells and distribution of ditto. Attended Can. Club luncheon to hear address of Hon. Curtis Guild. Very fine address on Russia. H.R.H. attended. In afternoon Foster fussed about J. Wesley Allison and made me more tired. Dinner in evening. Took in Madame Casgrain. Mrs. Van Dusen and other/ tide. Both very interesting.

Sunday, March 21, 1915.

Light fall of snow last night. Thermo at 36 when I came down at 8.30. Later in the day it rose to 44. Several visitors in afternoon, among them Hon. Curtis Guild. In evening very sad news of Col. Farquhar's death in action yesterday. I telephoned to the Governor General who evidently was greatly affected. I sent to Lady Evelyn a telegram on behalf of Gov't and a personal telegram on behalf of my wife and myself.

Monday, March 22, 1915.

Began forenoon sittings. McKenzie and Lash came with final proposal respecting Quebec and Saguenay Ry. Discussed elections with McK. who is firmly in favor. Conferred with Cochrane and Gutelius respecting I.C.R. matters and with Cochrane and Meighen White and Doherty re N.T.R. Sent for Chamberlain who cannot come until Thursday. Meighen thinks act necessary to enable us to operate road. Spoke on orders of day respecting death of poor Farquhar and letter from him.

Tuesday, March 23, 1915.

Ministers much exercised as to Garland-Powell case. Took it up with Reid and Hughes and had several conferences. Work proceeded slowly in House. Very much under weather with heavy cold which has afflicted me ever since January. Telegram yesterday from Julia that Mother is not so well. Conference with Hughes as to his foolish telegram to Mayor of Winnipeg.

Wednesday, March 24, 1915.

Put through resolution respecting I.C.R. branch lines. Very little opposition from Liberals. Laurier moved amendment which we accepted. In Public Accounts Reid read statement as prepared and moved for report referring matter to Justice Department. It was followed by payment from Powell of 16200. News as to dear Mother's condition still disquieting. Advised Hughes to give personal attention to boots com. and pub. ao. com. Conference with H.R.H. as to Command of Force. He told me that French letter to him respecting Canadians would be placed in Archives

Thursday, March 25, 1915.

Conference with Chamberlain, Cochrane and Meighen and arranging as to amending Act respecting N.T.R. to permit Gov't operation. In House proposed resolution respecting Senate which passed after short debate. Sharp quarrel in Council between Foster and Hughes. Casgrain much excited about Pub.Ac.Com and wanted royal Com. Foster also. Mc3ride came at 8.30 and told me the story of his trouble respecting the Pac. and G.E. Says he will delay his elections and do his best to make matters run smoothly. News as to Mother's condition not reassuring. May leave tomorrow for Grand Pre.

Friday, March 26, 1915.

Matters went better today in P.A.Com. Evidence given that document produced by Carvell was stolen. Work went well in House. Discussed bill for soldiers votes at Council and again in evening. Rogers strong for proxy voting but no one agrees with him. Alarming telegram from Julia as to Mother's condition. Leave tomorrow by special train. Discussed question and date of election. Hughes estimates on this and last evening. Went through quite easily. Grits not very aggressive.

Saturday, March 27, 1915.

Soft Ottawa by Grand Trunk. Gutelius and his son came in our car to St. Henri where we took special train at 11.45 Stopped only at divisional points. Ran 50 to 60 miles per hour. Gold bright winter day. Below Quebec it looked like January. Arrived Ste. Anne 236 miles at 5.65 p.m. Col. McLean told me yesterday of wags in St. John distributing recruiting notices around in Old Loyalist burying ground so that "Arise, your King and Country need You" appeared as a message to inmates.

Sunday, March 28, 1915.

Arrived Truro 6.45 Ottawa time, 7.45 Hfx. time and at Windsor Junction at 9.15 Hfx. time averaging about 41 miles per hour from Montreal. At Mt. Uniaoke Murphy of Dom. At met us and we arrived G. Pre at 11, just 25 1/2 hours from Ottawa and 22 1/2 hours from Montreal. Found dear Mother unconscious, breathing heavily but suffering no pain. Dr. C. says it is spinal paralysis very slowly creeping up. Just 15 years today since Father died. Dr. thinks she may live till morning. Hal and I slept on oar.

Monday, March 29, 1915.

Early this morning learned that dear Mother passed away at 3.10 very peacefully. Julia looks very worn and tired. Made arrangements for funeral on Wednesday at 3. Telegraphed Laura and Sir Frederick. Weather yesterday and today very fine and air soft and balmy. Fifty seven years this summer since mother came to live in this house then just built. A long life, nearly 90 years, happier in later years I believe. A woman of unusual ability and strength of oharacter, passionately fond of her children, sensitive, perhaps too much so, taking a keen interest in life even to the last, just but passionate, the embodiment of motherhood of the world in her love of children.

Tuesday, March 30, 1915.

Went to Wolfville with Hal and answered many telegrams of sympathy. Walked to Grand Pre. Looked at dear Mother before she was placed in her casket. She looks very placid and happy and lifelike. House will not prorogue on Thursday, so I shall take special train tomorrow at 5 and reach Ottawa (D.V.) on Thursday evening. Beautiful wreath arrived from Privy Council Staff; also from Cabinet, Cons, members of Senate, House of Commons &c.

Wednesday, March 31, 1915.

Four inches of snow which developed into mud. Very large attendance. Special train from Halifax. Will and I walked as Ohief mourners. Clarence Borden, McLatoheys, Edw. Laird and others. Hal of oourse with little Henry. A number of voices sung very sweetly "Lead Kindly Light", "Peace perfect peace" and ""? in Jesus". Pall bearers Bowers, Canna(?), Watson, Dennison, Stewart, Gow. Funeral at 3. Said goodbye to Julia afterwards and left at 5 by special. Received delegation at Windsor Junction respecting Ex'n, Grant, Hemsley, Davidson, Bligh and Armstrong.

Thursday, April 1, 1915.

Can hardly realize that dear Mother has passed away. Arrived Ottawa 6.45 and

went, to House in evening and stayed until 10. Rec'd delegation respecting Farmers Bank at 9.30. They say reintroduction of bill is a very Important matter in several constituencies. Found enormous mass of correspondence. Blount went to Montreal to meet me. Prorogation expected next week. White absent and Cochrane leaves for Sudbury tonight. Reid very angry at Hughes action in Pub.Ac.Com.

Friday, April 2, 1915.

Worked at correspondence until 10.30 and then to Church. After church resumed and worked all afternoon with many interruptions and during evening. Reid thinks Grits will move for Royal Commission and asked me to be prepared. Conferred with Foster, Ames as to Speakers League for enlistment. Also with Aviator McCurdy and Capt. Elliott as to cooperation in training aviators. My cold very much worse and feel wretchedly ill.

Saturday, April 3, 1915.

Representation amendment bill and Estimates in House. Spent nearly day in office clearing up correspondence, interview with H.R.H. as to various matters. Telegram from Perley that Kitchener will not permit Steele to command division in field and that Steele should be so informed. Went over draft of speech from Throne. Conference at 6 with Speaker who has had quarrel with Sevigny and promised to send for latter.

Sunday, April 4, 1915.

Delightful day. Laura and I went to early service at 3 and again at 11. Duke gave me yesterday very interesting letters from poor Farquhar and Hanbury Williams. Latter is with Russian Army headquarters. Says many strange things going on. Speaks of Allies watching each other. Can hardly realise dear Mother's death. It is well for me that I am so intensely occupied.

Monday, April 5, 1915.

Laliberte resumed work on my bust. Laura saw it on Good Friday and strongly criticised it. Shaughnessy came from Montreal and discussed several matters. He is not very enthusiastic about elections. Evidence in public accounts committee rather disheartening. Discussed with Reid form of report to be made.. Made very good progress in work of House. Asked Laurier as to date of prorogation but did not receive a very definite answer.

Tuesday, April 6, 1915.

Matson of Victoria very keen for elections. Discussed with Rogers and Green the position and attitude of McBride. Sir Wm. McKenzie strongly urged me to invite MoB. to become a member of my Gov't. Says he would accept. Completed draft of report by Pub.Ac Com. and conferred with Hughes. Had interesting conference with Bertram who delivered history of work of Shell Committee prepared by Carnegie. Attended H.R.H. who asked about supply of ammunitiong.

Wednesday, April 7, 1915.

Bad evidence in P.A.Com. as to purchase of horses in N.S. Foster supposed to be in N.Y. Apparently he is avoiding appearing before committee. Made good progress with bills in house. Arranged in Council to give permission to British buyers of horses to proceed. Telegraphed Perley yesterday as to further orders for shells and today as to constructing submarines. Very tired and will be much relieved when session concludes.

Thursday, April 8, 1915.

Discussed controverted Elections Act and eventually passed it through Com. Also N.T.E. bill giving Gov't power to operate. Attended Gov. Gen. and discussed supply of ammunition. He is inolined to be meddlesome and to go behind backs of Ministers. Hughes treats scandals affecting his Department very casually and does not seem to realize situation. Began here from Halifax with variety of requests. Telegram from Grant and Allison respecting appointment to Bench. Urge Harris' appointment.

Friday, April 9, 1915.

Conference with Beck in evening as to purchase of horses by British buyers. He threatens to resign if it continues. Foster came to explain his connection with purchase of horses. Seemed foolish but straightforward. Discussed P.A. matters with Reid. Hughes left for Chatham without consulting me. Reprimanded him by telegram. Rogers showed me telegram from Dr. S. saying that Lt. Gov. would allow Roblin to name personnel of Royal Com. if order for 1000 wagons given to Pt. Arthur Co. in which Lt. Gov. heavily interested. It is hardly believable that the Lt. Gov. would so degrade himself and dishonour his office. Very, very tired.

Saturday, April 10, 1915.

Proceeded with motion to concur in Senate amendment re Western Senate representation. Lively debate. Countered on Laurier and made him very angry. Debated soldiers voting bill all afternoon. In evening made statement as to

number of men under arms. Discussed with Reid, Cochrane, Kemp &c. appointment of L.N.Clark as Director of Purchases for War. Poor Travers Lewis very ill and not expected to live. Sent somewhat firm letter to H.R.H. respecting his assertion that Dept. Militia is guilty of neglect re ammunition.

Sunday, April 11, 1915.

Weather wonderfully mild yesterday and especially today which is like a May morning. Elders almost in flower and lilac buds bursting. Snow practically all gone from Bank. Grass becoming green on lawn. Spkr. Landry came to complain about action of Conservatives in Senate. He has been on strike. Laliberte, sculptor, has finished my bust. He worked while I worked. Frequently he referred to me when I went over to look at it as "puissant" or "virile". Laura does not like the expression. Thinks It looks too stern and "disagreeable". Says she would get a divorce if I looked like that.

Monday, April 12, 1915.

Debate all day on majority and minority reports of Boots Com. Middlebro made good presentation. Grit attack ineffective. Expected great things of Aikins who replied to McD. but he did only Moderately well. We offered to have the debate adjourned and go at it again tomorrow but Pugsley leading the opposition urged us to finish and therefore I spoke. Conference with Bertram as to further message to war office re shells.

Tuesday, April 13, 1915.

Last day in House over Votes for Soldiers bill. At the end Doherty In a condition of physical exhaustion. He talks altogether too much and too often. Hugh Clark s&ld that he thought the bill would go through notwithstanding the Minister's explanation. After midnight became plaintive in his weariness. "Hell that is awful" and "God Almighty did you ever hear the like"? and when Laurier rose about a question to me "H--l and D--n didn't he promise to put through the Bill tonight?" Bad day in P.A. Nickle without notice moved resolution which placed Reid In awkward position. Discussed it with Ministers. White to take up Audit Act with Auditor General.

Wednesday, April 14, 1915.

Prepared to make statement on Public Acc't report. Decided that I must condemn Garland and Foster. Discussed it in Council. Cochrane in violent condition and not very sensible or reasonable. Oliver brought up Ferguson report and it was debated until after midnight. Revelations awful. Bennett and Meighen made good speeches. Grits completely knocked out. Ho fight in them. Reid says Ned McD. offers to come with us.

Thursday, April 15, 1915.

Began my speech at 11.15 and spoke for an hour and a half reviewing all matters dealt with by P.A.Com. Expressed strong disapproval of conduct of Garland and Foster. Very hearty congratulations from Ministers and Members. Laurier followed. What I heard of his speech was not cogent. Senate amended Soldiers voting bill and we had long conferences during afternoon. Finally we had to accept section practically reserving two sections for approval British Gov't. Prorogued at 6.30. went back to Council and discussed ammunition and other matters.

Friday, April 16, 1915.

Press comment on my speech very good. Yesterday I had conference with Friesen and Eiman as to treatment of Germans in West. Wish them paroled. Roche and Doherty, Otter, Fortesoue and. Sherwood present. Dealt with much accumulated correspondence. Cabled soldiers voting bill to Harcourt and Perley, urging expedition. Disposed of many matters in Council and disoused appointment of purchasing common. Sir W. MacKenzie recommends F. Nicholls. Telegraphed McBride asking to see him on return.

Saturday, April 17, 1915.

Council nearly all day. Settled ammunition question by order to Wm. McMaster and arranging to increase output of Dom. Arsenal. Conference with Lancaster yesterday as to his future. Recommended Graham for C.J. of N.S. He was first my teacher and then senior partner. Discussed Purchasing Commission. Many names aftd methods suggested. Hughes continual reference to his dignity angered me excessively and I spoke very sharply. Hie eyeB filled up. Slight operation on nose between 1 and 2 and little sleep for two nights.

Sunday, April 18, 1915.

Remained in bed until 4.36. Exoessive bleeding of nose from operation from 5 to 10 last evening. Will came in afternoon. Laura says Annie's at church this morning was appalling. Telegraphed Parley as to elections. Yesterday wrote Doherty as to investigations and prosecutions urging prompt and vigorous action. Trees all in bud. Elders almost in leaf. Telegraphed for Kemp to come tomorrow to discuss purchasing Commission,

Monday, April 19, 1915.

Beautiful day, very warm, like end of May. Stayed in bed all forenoon. Nostril somewhat better. Kemp came at 10,30. Disoussed with him Purchasing Com. and suggested his Chairmanship. He is not unwilling. Arranged conferenee for him with Hughes and officers of his Dep't. Telegraphed Graham news of his app't as C.J. and telegraphed for Harris. H.R.H. wished to see me during forenoon but told him I was indisposed. Went with Laura to Golf links in afternoon.

Tuesday, April 20, 1915.

Went to Dr. Minnes and then to office and attacked correspondence. Interesting letters from Worthington and Col. J.A.flurrie. Rogers returned and reported as to Manitoba It. Gov. acting in a very partisan manner. Rogers thinks Roblin Gov't will soon go to the wall. Disoussed demand of French for war stamp in their language. Also generally question of elections. Conferred with Burrell as to his appointment to Senate. Weather delightful but a little colder.

Wednesday, April 21, 1915.

Very tired and nervous all day and found great difficulty in keeping on my feet. Great trouble with throat and nostrils. Kemp reported as to his investigation into Militia Department. Disoussed it in Council. Find Redmond is in England. Conference with Jameson as to his appointment. Conference also with Bennett as to western political conditions. Conference with Rogers as to campaign literature. Discussed with Newcombe appointment of Harris to Bench. Coughed all night.

Thursday, April 22, 1915.

Attended Dr. Minnes and discussed going to Atlantic City. He thinks not advisable unless I can remain away at least ten days. Conference with Harris as to Judgeship. Had Rogers at luncheon and discussed his visit to Montreal. Wired White (Atlantic City) to ascertain whether H. Laporte would be member of Puroh. Com. Worked on revision of Scott's draft of navy article. Dealt also with correspondence.

Friday, April 23, 1915.

Foster instead of attending to his duties is off to Montreal. He is becoming more and more useless. Wrote long letter to Dr. Gordon as to reasons for elections. Prepared brief on that subject for our press and revised it in evening. Went with Laura in afternoon to Golf Club. In evening

F.P.Jones came as to holding camp for officers Training Corps. Called up Gwatkin and directed him to hold it. Afterwards F.S.PearBon and E.R.Wood came and discussed nickel refining. Told them to put new proposal into writing.

Saturday, April 24, 1915.

Attended Minnes and then to office. Held Council at 12.30 to deal with matters which Foster has neglected. Rogers reported very favourable as to his visit to Montreal. "Star and "Presse" both in line. Every one favors election except Huntley Drummond. Long conference as to D.W. Foster with T.P.Calkins. Told him Foster should resign. He agreed. Very tired. Came home at 4 and went to bed at 5.

Sunday, April 25, 1915.

Extraordinarily warm day. Heat really oppressive. About 86. News came yesterday morning of great fight in which Canadians showed great gallantry. They had to retire when French divisions were driven from trenches and lost 4 heavy guns, but recaptured them. Casualties this morning 30 officers wounded (inc. R.H.Tupper) and 1 killed, Major McLaren. Telegrams from Kitchener and French to H.R.H. Telegram from Lord Grey to me.

Monday, April 26, 1915.

Went to office early. Weather still very warm. Conference with Arch. McGregor, Brown and others as to orders for shells; also as to Guysboro railway. H. Laporte agreed to action Purchasing Com. Conference thereon with Kemp. Governor gave his approval. Cochrane thinks casualty list I will only make people more determined. T.G.S. sent telegram opposing election. Sent messages of sympathy to several bereaved. Congratulations from Harcourt to which I replied.

Tuesday, April 27, 1915.

Long discussion in Council as to elections. Read them memo which I had prepared. Foster and Casgrain against it. Cochrane, Kemp and Reid strongly for; also Burrell. Told them this discussion merely preliminary. In evening held long conference Doherty, Meighen, casgrain and Crothers as to lists. Called on Newcombe. Rogers quite ill with Dr. and trained nurse in attendance. Rev. Dr. Gordon called and conferred as to enrolling 350,060 men. Casualties still coming. Many telegrams of congratulation, and sympathy. Had asparagus today from our own garden.

Wednesday, April 28, 1915.

Revised memo as to elections. McK.(Sir W.) here urging elections. Very confident. Telegram from Carrick that Kitchener will arrange for Canadians to vote. Telegraphed Perley as to do. Letter from H.E.H. deprecating elections but consenting to them. Montreal Bd. of Trade passed resolution against. Long conference in Council this afternoon. Saw Cochrane afterwards and went with him to Rogers. Arranged for young Daly to go over with ballots. Asparagus from our garden again today.

Thursday, April 29, 1915.

Very impressive memorial service (for Canadians who fell in recent fight) on Parliament Hill. Herridge and Mackie both in uniform officiated. Duke Duchess and Princess present. Great assemblage. Herridge spoke beautifully but his voice did not carry well. Conferences with Stanfield, Shortt, Hazen et al. Attended Duke and conferred as to retaining two submarines. Advised Hazen to have his operation at once. Telegram from Perley as to letter from British Officer commanding Canadians.

Friday, April 30, 1915.

Weather much cooler. Interview last evening with Dr. Shortt as to undertaking constitutional document. Conference today with E.W.Beatty as to our claim against C.P.R. Dalrymple and Pringle came to protest on behalf of S.T.B. against appointment of C.P.R. as purchasing agent of British Gov. Discussed elections in afternoon with Rogers. Telegram from Perley that half our infantry were killed or wounded. Telegraphed for McCurd to come Ottawa. Very tired. Tried to work in evening but without success.

Saturday, May 1, 1915.

Conference with Hazen and Cochrane as to N.B. Branch reads and subsequently discussed elections with Cochrane. Council in afternoon and then conference with Rogers and Cochrane as to whole situation. Many letters and telegrams from various parts of country as to elections, strongly objecting. Heavy casualties a great handicap. In evening worked 9 to 1 at address to electors, writing it out with my own hand. Produced better results than last autumn.

Sunday, May 2, 1915.

Wet and cold. Revised address and sent for Blount. Arranged for Willison and Carman to come tomorrow. Further list of casualties. Reggie Tupper reported dangerously ill. Discussed Shell com. with Gen. Bertram. \$147,1100,000 of

orders now in. McCurdy came. Told him he would receive promotion to Cabinet after general election. He is to take charge of campaign in H.S. Discussed Foster case, Guysboro, &c. White came up in evening. He and McG. read address.

Monday, May 3, 1915.

Conferences with Willison and Carman to whom I submitted drafts of address. They made suggestions and both of them are fearful of result of elections at present as public opinion is so greatly excited over casualties. Settled with Hughes and Kemp draft of O.C. appointing Commission. Very hard time to keep on my feet as I am thoroughly exhausted with long strain and with anxiety as to future cause. Went to bed immediately after reaching house. Many telegrams and letters against elections.

Tuesday, May 4, 1915.

In bed all day. Felt as if I wished to meet no one, see nothing and hear nothing. Kidd came and said that I am thoroughly played out. Blount came but I refused to look at correspondence and indeed could not do so. Great discussion raging in press as to elections. Grit speakers continually attacking the Government and press doing same thing. Kidd advised me strongly to leave at once for holiday. Blood pressure normal.

Wednesday, May 5, 1915.

Kemp came in morning. Discussed elections with him for an hour. He thinks the time unfortunate. In afternoon sent for Cochrane, Rogers, White and Reid. They all favour elections except White although none of them so strong as before. Cochrane says he is not afraid of Ontario. Discussed Railway situation having regard to an election in September and a bold policy of Gov't ownership of two transcontinental lines.

Thursday, May 6, 1915.

Under Dr. Kidd's advice gave up work and left for Echo Beach. Beautiful day and delightful journey. Detained somewhat by logs on Jake. Arrived in camp at 6.10. Located in bungalow. Devlin, Edgerly, Irwin, Jones and Dewar comprise the party. Premises much improved, wire netting for verandah, gas &c. Bungalow very comfortable. Three Yanks, Oscar, Louis and Fred in attendance.

Friday, May 7, 1915.

Went to Rice Lake with Edgerley but caught only 3 in all. Weather fairly good. Read and rested during afternoon. The usual game of cards in the evening. Wind still from the south and logs in lake prevent a visit to Pickwick. Found everything in good order which I left on my last visit to Camp in 1910, just before the reciprocity proposals came before public.

Saturday, May 8, 1915.

Went with Irwin to Dear Lake. New path directly over hill, well cleared out but very steep. Caught 66 with fly, about 40 of which I took. Heavy rain as we came out. Wrote to Laura and Blount. Find as strain is relaxed that I am much more fatigued and worn out than I imagined. Wind still from South.

Sunday, May 9, 1915.

Awful news of Lusitania horror came this morning by telegram from Blount and by the newspapers which arrived about 9.30. It seems nothing less than cold blooded murder. Wrote Laura and H.R.H. Hal sent copy of very secret telegram from Perley that Italy will soon come in on our side. This should help in bringing war to speedier termination. Went with Irwin to Rice Lake. Rainy, cold and very disagreeable.

Monday, May 10, 1915.

Went with Edgerley to Pickwick. He and I got 46 with fly of which I took 24. He gave me a large fly "Brandeth" No. 4 which was very effective with the large fish. Largest was about 1 1/2 lb. Very windy rather cold and rain squalls. Dewar and Irwin who went with us in another boat got only a few and those small. We got close to the boat house. I caught largest trolling near Lily Pads.

Tuesday, May 11, 1915.

Fished with Jones near La Victoires on opposite side and at Bear Point. Also at mouth of Creek connecting Echo with Horne Lake but with no great success. 3 greys and one red. Bright pleasant day. The varying aspects of these lakes in sunshine and shade, cloudy and clear sky, mist and rain are most beautiful. Am getting a very pronounced coat of tan.

Wednesday, May 12, 1915.

Edgerly and Erwin left for Ottawa. I sent by them some fine trout for the

house. Went to Rice Lake with Louis but got only three which were, however, of good size. All news as to war conditions is encouraging. It seems probable that Italy will soon join the Allies. United States greatly excited over death of more than 100 American citizens on Lusitania.

Thursday, May 13, 1915.

Egan, Avery, Smeaton,, White and L. MacFarlane of Montreal arrived in camp. Fine pleasant day. Fished a little in Echo Lake but without success. Logs still in narrows at Dam. played golf and looked over grounds with a view to laying out additional holes. Have decided to remain until Saturday, 22nd.

Friday, May 14, 1915.

Riordan and I went to Piokwiok and got 40. White and Maofarlane got 29. Ours principally with fly. North wind weather cold and clear. Press announces that N.S. will address a firm note to Germany demanding that eke unarmed passenger ships shall not be destroyed without opportunity to passengers to escape.

Saturday, May 15, 1915.

Fished in HoJJBe Lake near Wharf and at wharf. Got one with fly in each instance. Strong wind from north, cold and clear. White, Maofarlane and Riordan went to Rice Lake in e'very heavy sea. Could not turn boat after embarking and had to row stern first. I feared they would be swamped. Party of four caught 83 at Pickwick.

Sunday, May 16, 1915.

White and Dewar returned at 3.30 from Pickwick with 59 all reds except 2. A very fine run of fish. Wind south, weather bright and clear. News from front continues good but lists of Canadian casualties are still appalling. This war is like the suicide of civilization.

Monday, May 17, 1915.

White, Maofarlane and Dewar left for home. Sent box of fish to Laura. Day rainy and unpleasant and little fishing done. Lost my fly book flies and casts out of my pocket. They should never be carried there as in paddling they work out of the boat. Am feeling great benefit from open air life and respite from work.

Tuesday, May 18, 1915.

Went to head of Lake with Devlin. Disagreeable day. Cold and showery. Had little success, two greys. Gouin was to arrive this evening but remained overnight at Smallins. Letter from A.E.B. that Sir Wm. McK. is in trouble and very anxious to see me. Decided, however, to adhere to intention of remaining until Saturday.

Wednesday, May 19, 1915.

Fished with Devlin and got 8 greys (large) at Lynch's Point and 26 in Piokwick, a large average size. President arrived at noon today and is as amusing as ever. Avery loudly complains to him that the Camp has been without food in his absence. A very pleasant day.

Thursday, May 20, 1915.

Paid E.J.D. #50. on account Club. Riordan Jones, Egan and Avery fished at Pickwick and Lynch's Point. At lake 65 were caught and they could have made it 100. At Lynch's Point they got 31 principally greys. Gouin got 11 at Horne Point. Devlin 1 at wharf. Weather bright and warm a most charming day. I laid out and marked golf course of 5 holes and we played on it in the afternoon.

Friday, May 21, 1915.

A cloudy drizzly day with heavy rain towards evening. Devlin caught 2 lb fish (red) in Horne Lake at wharf. Played over new golf course 17 holes. Mail arrived with news of coalition Gov't in G.B. Italy has not yet declared war but seems on verge. Hugh McLennan and Howard, son of Lady Strathcona killed in action at front. Casualties very appalling and depressing.

Saturday, May 22, 1915.

Left Echo Beach 10 4p.m. Rain had ceased and had a pleasant journey to Thurso. Avery and Egan accompanied me. Arrived Thurso about 7.45 and got newspapers announcing Italy's approaching declaration of war. Reached home about 10.40 and found all well. Rather a tiresome journey. Sent 8 of the best fish to Government House.

Sunday, May 23, 1915.

Beautiful summer day. Walked over grounds in morning and found everything looking well. Ferns planted on bank last autumn by Stewart are nearly all showing signs of life. Weeping willows on river brink growing vigorously. Azaleas sent by H. McInnes most beautiful. Went to All Saints. In afternoon Oapt. Archibald called. He is going to front shortly. In evening worked with Blount on correspondence.

Monday, May 24, 1915.

Message from Sir J. French through Carriok. Conference with Rogers who described Gov't intrigues in Manitoba and their curious situation. Worked at correspondence most of afternoon and evening. Only a few Ministers in town. Italy's declaration of war announced this morning. It should materially assist in early ending of conflict. Rogers says McKenzie in great trouble and is coming Ottawa Wednesday.

Tuesday, May 25, 1915.

Call from Mr. Myers of Wellington, N.Z. who is interesting but long winded. Conferred with Meighen as to Can. Nor and G.T.P. He reports political conditions in Alberta and Sask. as very good except that Germans and Austrians are discontented and Bulky. Council in afternoon and discussed investigation of "graft" disclosed in Pub. Ac. Com. Doherty to give report tomorrow. Conferred with Gwatkin as to Militia matters and afterwards with Biggar. Interesting interview with Perry of Pound Table who says war will last another year.

Wednesday, May 26, 1915.

Very cold day with strong wind which blew off leaves from trees on our lawn. Conferences with McKenzie and afterwards with Walker as to interest due by C.H.B. Arranged to take it up tomorrow. Received large delegation of Can. Mayors I as to unemployment and addressed them. Received Wyndham and Barnes British delegates as to sending to G.B. unemployed artisans. Discussed with Doherty and afterwards with Hughes cadet escort at Corp. Christ. Procession.

Thursday, May 27, 1915.

Further hearing of delegations of Mayors and [again addressed them. Willison came to luncheon and discussed elections and extension of Parliamentary term. Wrote to Bonar Law, Lansdowne, Balfour, Chamberlain, Harcourt and Churchill. Presented Wyndham and Barnes to H.R.H. Attended unveiling of monument to

Champlain and tablet to Col. By. Many conferences with Cochrane, Rogers, White and Meighen and with McK. and Lash and gave letter to Walker to enable int. to be paid by Bank on Securities of C.H.B. Saw Hughes as to guard of honour, Fete Dieu procession.

Friday, May 28, 1915.

Worked at correspondence for two hours and then received callers 12 to 1. Jennings at luncheon. He talks much and says little. Council all afternoon. White in highly excited condition. Discussed Com'n to investigate purchases of war supplies and made some progress. Fitz wishes me to provide Gov't boat for Delegate to go to Nfld. Dismal letter from Perley. Naulty came in evening and took an hour and a half. Tedious but very interesting. Says J.H. Walker put up money for him.

Saturday, May 29, 1915.

Reported Germany's answer to U.S. will be delivered today. Conference with Beck who deprecated establishment of remount depots in England and France. Took him and Lady Beck to lunch golf club. Conference also with McGibbon as to political situation. Says he is asked to be candidate in St. Lawrence division. Telegram from E.P. Morris as to immigration regulations of Newfoundlanders. Attended H.E.H. and conferred as to minor matters. Our grounds very beautiful. Azaleas most lovely.

Sunday, May 30, 1915.

Delightful day. Cleared up my books and went over great arrears of clippings. Letter from H.R.H. enclosing copy of "Le Devoir" and desiring us to censor. Bourassa would like nothing better. I would not be so foolish. Besides, Campbell Bannerman and especially Lloyd George were far worse in S.A. War and Carson respecting Ulster. Read Perley letter again, & think of suggesting to Lord Grey to give him a rest. Interesting letter from Col. Buller

Monday, May 31, 1915.

Delegation of Ontario Women's Temp. Ass'n to protest against wet canteen. Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Pugsley and Mrs. Thornley spoke. Conference with Russian Consul as to enlistment of reservists and other matters. Conferred with Meighen and Jackman as to Nfld. Wrote to H.R.H. as to Bourassa. Conference with him as to K.C.M.G. to Aitken and said I did not want it mixed with Can. honours. Council in afternoon. Discussed with Nesbitt application of Boss Co. for relief from duties.

Tuesday, June 1, 1915.

Glorious day. Grounds very beautiful. Blackbirds strongly protest against our walking through paths to river. Discussed thoroughly in Council preferential trade with Australia. Decided we could not accept her proposal. Telegram from Perley that Bonar Law wants me to visit England this summer. Passed O.C. to appoint Davidson to investigate war purchases. Discussed political situation with Blain. Conference in evening with MoNab as to Newfoundland and Raid's offer respecting his railways.

Wednesday, June 2, 1915.

Interview with Duke who complained of Hughes reading to an unnamed gentleman his secret letter to me attacking Alderson's generalship. Received delegates from Quebec B. of Trade who demanded elevators &c. They told Casgrain that my reply was convincing. Attended review of Edmonton Beg. Col. Griesbach. Splendid looking fellows. Met. Capt and Com. of Carnarvon who were in Battle of Falklands, splendid looking men. Council in afternoon to consider capital ease.

Thursday, June 3, 1915.

Rec'd delegation from Can. Mfrs. Assn. and discussed appointment of Customs officer at N.Y. to facilitate shipment in bond via Panama Canal. At luncheon spoke to White about visit to Eng. and found him very averse. Honours list well received Przemsyl has been captured by Austrians but Italians making good headway. Conference with E.R.Wood as to refining nickel in Canada,

Friday, June 4, 1915.

Council this afternoon. Discussed answer to Australian Gov't as to trade preferences and unemployment problem. Roche to bring in proposals. Conference with A.R.Mosher as to his unending complaints of discrimination. Telegraphed Perley as to Williams and wrote him as to lack of system in war office. Telegraphed Perley as to Reggie Tupper and learned that he is removed from Boulogne to London. Some days ago telegram from Perley that he will remain.

Saturday, June 5, 1915.

Conference with G.G. who gave me Alderson's latest letter. Says his report of Battle of Langemarck not very clear. Discussed with Col. Bertram work of Shell Com. and gave suggestions as to report of his speech before Mfrs. Ass'n. Prepared statement for press as to ditto. Report as to Hughes favoritism and

unbridled temper. Cannot help making fool of himself. Played golf in afternoon with Newoombe.

Sunday, June 6, 1915.

Yesterday and today very warm. Rose at 6.30 finished newspapers and Alderson and Boscawen's letters and wandered around grounds, which are very beautiful this year. Blackbirds protest vigorously against my presence in Pleasance Walk or Riverbrink. Robins very tame and confiding. Major Gen. Pease here to stir up Ross on rifle contract. Came in afternoon, a very agreeable man. Also R.B.Bennett, Dr. Doughty and others.

Monday, June 7, 1915.

Men lame to work on bank and made excellent progress in erecting stone protection. Attended H.R.H. who gave me Gen. Alderson's report of Battle of Langemarok. Told me that messenger boy with P.O. recommendation for Gov. P.E.I, met him and asked way to Gov't House. Duke told him and boy said he wanted to see G.G. Duke said "I am he". To which boy responded "You don't you look like a Governor General". Duke laughed very heartily. Conference with Hazen as to H.H.Harris performances. Spent 1 1/2 hours with Sanford Evans going over his data Telegram from Rogers to ask him to come to Winnipeg.

Tuesday, June 8, 1915.

Much cooler today. Held Council and discussed reply to Australia. Cochrane returned today. Telegraphed Rogers as to Evans. Conference with Lawranoe H. Grahame as to using hydraulic pumps against Germans. Conferred with Sir P. Benson as to purchase of houses. Discussed with Hughes several militia matters. Walked home and discussed political situation with Reid who is very optimistic, Hazen the same. In evening dined with P. D. & Mrs. Ross.

Wednesday, June 9, 1915.

Working on bank paths &c since Monday and tree experts since yesterday. Have greatly improved Man. Maples. Wise of Australia discussed Foster's desire for informal conference of premiers. Telegraphed Perlsey to get C.S.'s views. Bryans resignation announced. Wilson's note evidently pretty stiff. Long talk with Bennett about Imp. Confce and his own future, W.J.Stewart formally presented report of Boundary Commission.

Thursday, June 10, 1915.

Council. Routine and capital case commuted. Had Grahame and Hamilton, Douglas, Butts and Stanfield at luncheon. Sharp reproof to Hughes for insolent language to H.R.H. respecting telegram to Kitchener. He was much cut up and when I spoke to Shim in afternoon over telephone he broke down and wept. Most mercurial. U.S. press all rejoicing over Bryan's resignation. Telegram from Rogers as to his answer to unemployed on Saturday.

Friday, June 11, 1915.

Council to discuss matters relating to Vancouver Harbour. Prepared statements for press respecting French and Russian contracts and scope of Shell Committee. Bertram's address has secured wide attention. Wired Perley that answer of C.S. unsatisfactory and reasons assigned trivial. Kitchener has ordered hydraulic pump suggested by L.H.Grahame. Continued pressure and worry killing on me.

Saturday, June 12, 1915.

Worked hard all forenoon over correspondence and interviews. Discussed many militia matters with Hughes. He is evidently on the verge of a quarrel with Beck whom he describes as very unreasonable. Evidence in Manitoba implicates Roblin in discreditable deal. News from front rather better as Russians and Italians seem to be gaining. Played golf in afternoon with Waldo. In evening Hughes telephoned that British are discarding Ross rifle.

Sunday, June 13, 1915.

Beautiful day but sultry. Went with Laura to All Saints church. Mr. MacKay preached on the text "Where there is no vision the people perish". Jack Ross came to luncheon and discussed a plan to meet submarine attack. In afternoon Cochrane came and conferred as to conference with Reid respecting Nfld. Ry. He leaves for H.Y. this afternoon to meet Reid.

Monday, June 14, 1915

Heavy thunder and rain last night. Cooler today. Opened Borden school on Bronson Ave. and addressed the gathering. Conference with Hughes as to Steele on telegram from Perley as to Kitchener's opinion. Robertson of Montreal came with stories of attempted graft on shell contracts. Put him in touch with Meighen. Telegraphed to Premiers of Australia, N.Z. and S.A. that I am visiting London. Casgrain much excited about Sevigny's intrigues.

Tuesday, June 15, 1915

Correspondence all forenoon. Engaged passage on Adriatic 30 June. Christie to go as Priv. Sec Telegram from Fisher that he will not visit London in early future. Conference with P. Nicholls and smoothed him down. At lunch saw Major Kirkaldy who was in Battle of St. Julien and still carries bullet which passed through his lung. Conference with Hughes and tele-gram to Perley as to Steele and Turner. Sir W. MoK. called and discussed Manitoba revelations.

Wednesday, June 16, 1915

Discussed in Council prohibition of export of foodstuffs and despatched telegram to Col. Secty. Dr. Thompson came and spoke of necessity of getting our work before the people Discussed with Reid commission on unemployment and Manitoba situation. Letter from Col. J.A. Currie predicting long continuance of war and complaining of lack of foresight and incompetence of British. "They send us on every forlorn hope". In evening conferred with Reid and Caldwell on work of Information Bureau.

Thursday, June 17, 1918

Telegrams from Bowser asking us to intern alien miners at Fernie to prevent riot. Doherty opposed. Long conference with Beck and Kemp as to remounts. Beck says Hughes' proposals will incur enormous unnecessary expense. Telegram from Shaughnessy as to orders for shells. He says committee have only delivered two percent. Many conferences and much disturbance about small matters all day. Hon. J.C. Watson of Australia came to luncheon. Discussed with him voice of Dominions in peace proposals.

Friday, June 18, 1915

Conference with Cochrane as to his visit to N.Y. and with Doherty as to visiting Nfld. Cochrane says Reid very difficult to deal with. Discussed with General Hughes as to remount organization in G.B. and as to appointing Beck director of Can. remounts. Discussed shell supply with Bertram, Pease and Carnegie and drafted telegram to Perley. Hendry and Hayes came as to orders for textile goods. Read them some confidential correspondence with which they were much pleased.

Saturday, June 19, 1915

Nothing of importance from front during past few days except

considerable list of casualties. Telegram to Mrs. Becher condolence on death of her son Campbell killed in action. Discussed with Hughes appointment of Beck as Director of Canadian Remounts. Heavy rains during past few days. Men on bank and tree trimmers finished their work yesterday. Everything seems well done. Telegraphed Bennett as to approaching departure for England. In afternoon played golf with Drayton. Very even game in high wind.

Sunday, June 20, 1915

Glorious June day but cool. Grounds very beautiful. Worked two hours with Blount on Order in Council for Commission on Agricultural production unemployment, &c. and on correspondence. Nothing of importance from seat of war. M. & Mme. Casgrain and Milton McDonald came in. afternoon; also Lieut. Sage of Vancouver. Dined with Anglins last evening, a very pleasant party. Casgrains and Dewars. Our roses in bloom since Tuesday last, most beautiful.

Monday, June 21, 1915

Conference with McK. as to Canadian Northern Very lovely June day. Discussed with Hughes campaign to aid recruiting. Dealt with much correspondence. Rogers returned and gave me interesting news of developments in Winnipeg which are reported in evening paper. Laura informed me that Blount has telegram from Perley as to convoy for Adriatic. Letter from H.R.H. that he is returning to see me. Wonderful letter from Reggie sent me by C.H.T. Reggie certainly deserveB Victoria Cross.

Tuesday, June 22, 1915

White returned and was present at long conference (with Doherty, Rogers and Burrell) with Green and Barnard who want dry dock constructed and enemy miners interned. White & Doherty got greatly excited during discussion. White says financial situation greatly altered for worse during past six weeks owing to unfavourable development of war. Council in afternoon and principally discussed lease of G.T.Branch. Discussed with White and Rogers of Paish to investigate ry. situation. Conference with McNab as to Nfld and Reid's proposal.

Wednesday, June 23, 1915

McKenzie and Hanna on hand and conferred as to matters touching C.N.R. No word of McBride who has been expected since Monday. Sevigny wants to resign and is on bad terms with Casgrain. Soothed him. Rec'd

delegation of Saddlery and Leather goods today. Discussed cabinet changes with Rogers Doherty and Casgrain. Held Council and disposed of capital case. Conference with McNab as to Railway interests in re entrance of Nfld. Fitzp. discussed with Rogers Manitoba scandals involving judges

Thursday, June 24, 1915

Conference with McKenzie and gave letter to Walker as to further interest payments to prevent default on C.N.R. Long conference with R.B.B. as to ry. matters and as to visit to England. Discussed shells with Bertram and Carnegie and prepared interview for them. Many minor conferences. Council at two and heard Carnegie and Wilson and McGill prof, as to establishing refining of copper and zinc. Discussed also amendment as to internment of aliens. Consulted Rogers as to appointment proposed commission. McBride arrived this P.M. but did not see him,

Friday, June 25, 1915

Conference with Bennett as to visit to England Also with McBride who looks thin and is not optimistic as to result of war. He thinks England did not take it seriously enough at first. He doubts competency of some English Generals. Debated internment and agricultural Com'n in Council. White and Doherty talk one almost to death. Arranged with McB. to give evidence before Com'n as to submarines. Dealt with correspondence in evening. Asked McB. to remain over to see H.R.H. who arrives tomorrow to meet me before I leave.

Saturday, June 26, 1915

Carriok arrived today and had long conference with him this evening. He is pessimistic on account of lack of organization and preparation. He is very bitter on account of Perley endeavouring to interfere with him. Father Burke also called and says Fitz is worried because I am leaving for England. F. thinks opinion in Quebec is bad. Discussed in Council internment question and had McBride present. Also appointment of Com'n, Huntley Drummond and Payl Lacoste urged no change in cabinet unless we get a man of commanding influence. They suggest Bergeron. Played golf with Smelie.

Sunday, June 27, 1915

Went with Laura to early service at All Saints. Weather much warmer. G. Hewitt told me plant at back entrance is Polyonum and that growing in

interstices of rocks is equisetum. Lunched Gov't House and discussed war with G.G. Told him of feelings of our men. Fitz came in afternoon and discussed Nfld. matter. Also Cochrane and Meighen. McBride also came from Govt House. News from front somewhat better

Monday, June 28, 1915

Council and passed order for Com'n to enquire into conditions, also order for appointment of Harris as judge. Telegraphed Van Home to act as Chairman. Finished up correspondence. Discussed with Cochrane radio electric system and arranged for letter to be prepared and forwarded. Reid, Cochrane, Coderre Blondin came to see me off. Laura could hardly keep tears back but was very brave. I found the parting very hard. On train had long and interesting talk with Mackenzie King. He told me of Cartwright's disloyalty to Laurier. When he was sworn in Cartwright said privately to him that they must keep an eye on Master Laurier. After their last Council, Laurier and Cartwright passed along but did not speak.

Tuesday, June 29, 1915

Arrived N.Y. on time. Glebe reported at Station. Capt. Cou(?)t came to hotel and arranged meeting with Ambassador. Met him at 12.30 and 6 and went with him to dinner on Morgans yacht. He thought certain action necessary and telegraphed for Pope. Met Dr. Grosvenor and Prof. Liebman as to production of picric acid in Canada. Conferred with Maxham and his sol'r as to production of ammunition. Gave information to several press men. Dined on Morgan's yacht. Very beautiful and spacious. Discussed political situation in U.S. Pres strongly proslily but country does not want war.

Wednesday, June 30, 1915

Further long conference with Ambassador who gave me several messages. Pope arrived and we discussed with Rice the proposed action. I suggested a certain line for Com'n with Br. Gov't. Bennett arrived. McK. had breakfast with me. He is not coming. Says he can get large loan in N.Y. Many pressmen and photographers at ship. Dr. Sarolea, K. Weatherbe and Rev. Hamilton of Ottawa on board. Sailed at noon. Capt. Hayes, formerly of Laurentio. Fine weather. Dropped pilot at 1.45. Wrote yesterday and again today to my dearest wife.

Thursday, July 1, 1915

Made 350 miles to noon today. Discussed Russia with D.S. He reads and

speaks Russian and has travelled much in that country. Has high opinion of country and people. Has met Tolstoy and corresponded with him. Guy Niokalls, great oarsmen and coach on board. Capt. Hayes says he has sealed orders not to be opened until much further along. Passengers much divided in opinion as to whether my presence on board increases or diminishes danger. Gulf stream tomorrow. Very dirty weather. Bennett and Christie under the weather and did not appear at dinner.

Friday, July 2, 1915

Bennett and Christie did not appear at breakfast but were on hand at luncheon. Took photo of Dr. S. and Miss Finley and afterwards of little boy (Luke) from Siam. Scotch but speaks Siamese and only a few words of English. Sarolea thinks war avoidable even in long run. Bennett and I disagreed. He has a library of 120,000 volumes and a garden of 14 acres. Two sons 13, and 15. Eldest eager to enlist. Says Everyman library in French embraces 170 different works. Twenty times as many volumes sold as in the Eng. library. All through France. Printed in Edinburgh, Nelsons. Temp, of water 73.

Saturday, July 3, 1915

Waked early and read part of Sarolea's Tolstoi and then slept until 8.40. Walked with Bennett and discussed divers matters and then told Sarolea about Maritime Provinces, especially N.S. Fog came on about 10.30 A.M. Temp water 49. Played cricket in afternoon and strained muscle in thigh which was much relieved by electric massage. In evening read reports from various departmental officers.

Sunday, July 4, 1915

Christie confined to bed with heavy cold. Service at 10.30 by purser and surgeon who read prayers and lessons. Continued reading of reports. In afternoon took Turkish bath and electric massage. In evening. Weather cloudy and unpleasant, discussed German ideals in evening with Sarolea who said that Fiohte a century ago had the idea of German superiority and dominance.

Monday, July 5, 1915

Bright clear delightful day. Captain has opened his sealed orders which direct him to proceed on a given course to a certain point and there wait orders from the Admiralty. Walked on upper deck and discussed our relation to the war with Bennett. Mr. W Walter C. Wyman of 44V. 44th St. N.Y Introduced himself. Mrs.Spittal, wife of Col. Spittal on

board. Wrote to Laura. Talked with S. Nickalls as to future constitution of Empire. Sent for Robert J. Riff of Toronto who is going to London to visit his son wounded and in hospital at Ohicester.

Tuesday, July 6, 1915

Went into pool last evening. Drew 383 but 393 won. Was on upper deck at midnight. Most beautiful scene. Cloudless heavens and very brilliant stars. This morning took photo of Captain on bridge. He showed me directions of Admiralty and rendezvous on chart. Directions to burn letter at end of voyage and to report having done so. Bead part of "The French in the Heart of America" with much appreciation. Preparations going on to hoist out the boats ready for any emergency.

Wednesday, July 7, 1915

This morning 8 boats equipped with water, provisions, oil, lamps, compass, sail, rockets, &c are hanging along each side of ship ready to be lowered at a moment's notice. Several passengers wearing waistcoats which can be inflated in 60 seconds and will support two persons. In evening discussed with Sarolea French and German poetry and relative merits of those languages with Russian and English. Dictated several letters and prepared statement for press. Steward got out life preserver. Read until 1 A.M.

Thursday, July 8, 1915

Woke at 3 and again at 6.30. At 8.45 Smith came in reported convoy of three destroyers. After breakfast took 4 snapshots. Passengers greatly relieved by their presence which is attributed to me. Beautiful day but very cool. Sea smooth. Expect arrive Liverpool about 7.30. Passed Tusconia with troops for Dardanelles convoyed by two destroyers. Finally informed that landing in morning. Cabled Laura. Captain says cable as to arrival held up by Censor.

Friday, July 9, 1915

Parley came on board with White Star agent and alien officer. Luggage passed and caught 11 train. Saloon carriage Discussed many matters en route. Met by Carson and Griffiths. Many newspaper men called and gave out statement. Carson dined with me and we discussed matters very generally. He is a very competent and tactful man and has obviously been of great service to country. Handles W.O* officials particularly well. Wants recognition as to his position. Does not think highly of Alderson. Considers we should have in G.B. and France as little separate

organization as possible.

Saturday, July 10, 1915

Attended to correspondence early. Then to Lady Ridley hospital to see R. Tupper. Very bright, cheerful and doing well. Cabled, his father. Accepted invitation from Harcourt to dine on Thursday. Called on B. Law. Dined with him Wednesday Accepted invitation to lunch Bryoe Friday. Announced to press that B.B.B. is Parl'y Secretary. Received more press men. Sent telegram congratulation to Botha. Had Perley. B. Aitken and Gen. Currie at luncheon. Currie in fine form. Left at 2.10 with Perley for Sunningdale. Played golf with him very badly. Discussed General affairs relating to war with him. He thinks well of Carson and badly of Carrick.

Sunday, July 11, 1915

Weather overcast but clearing. Very cool. Long talk with barley as to Hughes com'ns to Kitchener, as to his attack on Alderson and latter's defence. Also as to Carrick and as to arrangements with W.O. in afternoon Charlie Redd Arnold Ross Donald White and Jack McLoughlin with Chevalier of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs Horsey came to tea. They posed and I took photographs. The officers at the front spoke well of Alderson. They were all in high spirits.

Monday, July 12, 1915

Returned to London and found that Hughes had arrived. Afterwards Garnet Hughes, Leckie, Currie, Carrick, Gen. Hughes and Bennett came to luncheon. Currie told amusing story of Gen. Snow during fighting at Langemarok. Carrick came early and talked rather wildly as to his grievances. Soothed him and sent him to Perley. Prepared speech for tomorrow. Attended Parley's dinner. Long talks with Kitchener, Bonar Law, Chamberlain and Addison of Munitions Department. Alderson and Hughes reconciled. Very useful and pleasant evening. Worked at speech late at night.

Tuesday, July 13, 1915

Conference with Alderson and found him capable and straightforward. Attend the King at 11.30 and had audience of nearly an hour. Discussed war in all its aspects. Spoke also of constitutional relations. Says West should have voice, went to Parliamentary luncheon. My speech exceedingly well received. Warm congratulations, especially from Balfour and T.P. G'C. Afterwards I had conference with Kitchener who

discussed war situation fully, then with Sir Reg. Brade with whom I went into question of contracts. In evening disposed of accumulation of correspondence. Bennett very helpful.

Wednesday, July 14, 1915

Lord Dundonald called. Very anxious for an appointment. Told him what Kitchener said as to training men. Explained to Alderson Kitchener's views as to command. Sir C. Ross also called. At 12 went to meeting of Cabinet and sat next to Asquith who spoke of my presence as a new precedent but said it was a day for making new precedents. Lunched with Asquith afterwards. In afternoon went with Bennett and Parley to confer with Director of Contracts and afterwards with transport dept of Admiralty. In evening dined with Law and had interesting conversation with him Carson and Aitken. Mrs. J. Chamberlain also.

Thursday, July 15, 1915

Discussed my visit to France with Hughes and told him of Kitchener's views. Called on Balfour who received me most cordially and arranged a destroyer and special train for visit to France. Called on Sir (?) Brude and explained arrangements. Sir R. Parker and others called. Lunched with Berresfords and met Sir G. Murray, Lord Cromer and others. Conference then with B. Law and spoke to him of Hughes. Then called on Sir E. Gray to whom I delivered Ambassador's message. Had most interesting conversation. Then saw Major Maxwell just leaving for Dardanelles. Attended matinee in aid of Can. Red Cross and spoke between Acts. Dined with Harcourts.

Friday, July 16, 1915

Various conferences during forenoon. Evelyn Wrench of overseas club called. Luncheon at Badyces and met Italian Ambassador, Sir P. Hopwood, Lord Eustace Percy and Sir J. Simon. Story that Bishop of London in addressing French troops had said "Je prie que Dieu vous blesse." Left for Folkestone at 3.20 with Hughes and arrived by long route at 7.45. Heavy rain all the way. Hughes gave dinner at Metropole where I met officers of Gen. Steele's staff. Gen'l McDougall, Gen. Wilkinson and Sir Arch Murray. I stayed at Grand Hotel and had delightful rooms.

Saturday, July 17, 1915

Review of 2nd Can. Div. at 9.30. Weather very good. An inspiring sight. Men presented fine appearance. Murray says he has seen none better in 400,000 whom he has reviewed. Then reviewed 15,000 of details under Gen.

McDougall. Murray came to luncheon. A very fine character. Then went to hospital with Col. Armour. Met Lady Markham who has given her house. Saw all the Canadians and British wounded as well. They came out and gave three cheers. I was very much touched. Returning reached London before dark and dealt with correspondence.

Sunday, July 18, 1915

Left for Cliveden at 10 and visited hospital at once. Arrangements most excellent. Col. Gerald evidently a good organizer. The Astors most generous and splendid in all they have done for the hospital. Mrs. Astor does not think highly of Hodgetts Gen. Jonas accompanied us. American Amb. and Mrs. Page at luncheon. Both very strong in Br. sympathies. Met Brand Kerr, Gen. Donovan and others. Mrs. Astor bright and amusing as usual. Wrote to H.R.H. and to Laura.

Monday, July 19, 1915

Several conferences from 11 to o.au. Carson, Carrick, McCrae, L. George's Secretary, &c. Carrick determined to go to France with us. Acts like a baby. Had Capt. Hart and Capt. Bell at luncheon. former gave most interesting account of capture on 27th April and treatment in Germany. Adrian Pollock Chamberlain of City of London came in afternoon to present res'n of City Council to confer freedom. Dined with Law and sat between Asquith and Lansdowne. Long, Chamberlain, Crewe, Curzon, McKenna P.E. Smith, Harcourt, Sir J. Anderson, Perley, Hughes, Bennett, Aitken, Steel, Maitland, Asquith became very mellow.

Tuesday, July 20, 1915

Left for France at 10 A.M. Met by Admiral Bacon at Dover. Arrived Boulogne in Crusader. Met by French Military and Naval command units. Accompanied by Barry Stora(?) Bennett and Aitken. Inspected hospitals near Boulogne. Planted maple seeds on graves of Canadian officers. Dined with Col. McLaren in evening. Col. Thomas and Col. Kerr present. Saw many Canadian hospitals and several Canadian wounded, notably Guthrie.

Wednesday, July 21, 1915

Left at 7 and arrived St. Omer at 10. Met Lt. Wanklyn at Aviation base. Discussed Hughes and Carrick with Sir John and arranged matters amicably. Thence through Cassel with Prince Arthur to the Sharpenberg. Good view of Ypres, Saw German mine explode. Also several shells. Then to lunch with Alderson at Nieppe. Then to Plug. St and review various

units of division. Spoke to them all. Men very intent. in artillery observation trenches 700 yds from German trenches. Our batteries fired two 4.7 and twenty 18 lb. shells. No reply. Then to Princess Pats whom we addressed. Aeroplanes under fire of shrapnel. Dined with Sir John French. Prince of Wales on my left. He early for early rising.

Thursday, July 22, 1915

Left at 6.30 for Chantilly arriving at 11. Aitken and Bennett broke down. Had dejeuner with Joffre and staff under guidance of Gen. Yarde Buller. He is a strong impressive man. Starr undertook to assist me in speaking French but failed. Then to Chateau des Fontaines and hospitably received by Baroness James de Rothschild. Beautiful grounds. Drove in afternoon to Seulis and Creil to see destruction wrought by Germans. At Chateau could hear booming of guns. Very pleasant dinner in evening.

Friday, July 23, 1915

Left very early and visited H.Q. 2nd French Army meeting General Petain. Then to 11th Army Corps meeting Gen. Baumgarten. Went to F. Artillery position and saw German trenches through excellent glass. Thence to cleverly concealed motor positions. Thenoe to Albert and saw Virgin and Child which had been struck by German shell. Town fearfully destroyed, 12 or 14 shell holes in part of Church. Then to Chantilly and on to Paris where we arrived early in evening, going to Hotel Meurice.

Saturday, July 24, 1915

Called on Bertie who invited us all to luncheon. Met Sir Henry Austin Leigh. In afternoon had great reception at Rue de la Chaise Hospital established by municipalities of Quebec. Met several distinguished french officers. Then to Australian Hospital and then to Br Hospital, Versailles, where I saw several Canadian wounded. In evening dined with Pres't conversed with him in French for 3/4 an hour and did most of the talking. Also with Hanna (?). Mae P. very charming.

Sunday, July 25, 1915

Left Paris 7 and arrived Treport 11. inspected Col. Brydges hospital. Met all nurses including Miss Drew, Miss McKay and Miss Lordly. Visited all wounded men, also Canadians in British Hospitals. Went to Lady Murray's hospital in afternoon. Visited Cemetery and planted maple seeds on graves of Canadian soldiers. Motored to Boulogne and received there by British Transpo Officer. Barry, a very fine fellow, left us here. Oom'r Evans whom I had met in Canada took us to Folkestone in Viking. He asked special permission to do so.

Monday, July 26, 1915

Inspected two hospitals at Shorncliffe. Spoke to each wounded man and addressed the staff of each. Met Mrs. Jaggard who is leaving for the Dardanelles. Visited Marks Horton and addressed 870 convalescents. They gave me a mighty cheer. Then did the same at Bromley Conv. Home and I dined there. Reached London at eleven and saw Hughes. Very tired.

Tuesday, July 27, 1915

Gave interview to pressmen. Invitation to dine and sleep at Windsor and went to arrange for knee breeches. Dealt with much correspondence. Bennett informed me that French Gov't proposes to confer Legion of Honor. Conferred with Hughes as to his visit to France and found him arranging to go on Saturday. In evening prepared speech for Freedom of City on Thursday.

Wednesday, July 28, 1915

Attended Privy Council meeting at 11.30. King spoke of my visit to France. Various interviews 12 to 1.30. Finished draft of my speech. Carrick and Dr. Crozier called and latter gave German saw bayonet and shell. Long conference with Perley as to various matters. Left for Windsor at 6. Met by one of household. Long conversation with King after dinner. Sat by Queen. Took In Lady Ampthill. King thinks nation has done wonderfully well. Believes Germany is bankrupt and lacks many necessary articles. P. Mary, P and P. Henry, Marq. de Soveral, Sir Chas. Gust E.H.Wallington, Ladies Ampthill and Bertha Dawkins, Mlle Dussau, H.L.Venney, Col. Wigram, Sir P. Ponsonby, Hon. J. Fortescue, Capt. B.H.Seymour.

Thursday, July 29, 1915.

Returned from Windsor very tired having been kept awake by two infernal clocks. Finished draft of speech. Lunched with Leathersellers at their hall. Very cordial. Went with Master to Guildhall. Bain. Immense gathering, tremendous reception. Very tired. Speech not well delivered but well received. A very notable gathering assembled. Asquith and several ministers, Arch, of Canterbury, Bishop of London, &c. Afterwards visited War Picture gallery. Leathersellers Hall and dined in evening with Steele Maitland meeting Milner who seemed tired.

Friday, July 30, 1915

Press gave good report of Guildhall ceremonial. Several telegrams of congratulation. Conference Lord D.'Albert reDom. Royal Com'n. Received delegation of Can. press men as to visiting front. Discussed western coal conditions with Dawson (Sir T.) and (?). Lunched with Imperial Council of Commerce. Early conference with Gen. Hughes as to hospitals &c. Long conference with Perley at his office re matters in general. In afternoon attending Minister of Munitions and conferred 1¹/₂ hours as to utilizing industries of Canada.

Saturday, July 31, 1915

Long conference with Major Nelson W. Edgar as to the Battle of Ypres and of Festubert. A very gallant fellow. Wounded in eleven places by as many bullets and shell fragments. Said surgeon missed a few of them in first operation. Had Guest at breakfast, Garrick and Crozier at luncheon and Perley at dinner. Called on Reg. Tupper and Lady Evelyn Farquhar In afternoon. Perley in evening stayed 3 1/2 hours to discuss what might easily have been accomplished in 3/4 of an hour. A splendid fellow but tiresome to exhaustion.

Sunday, August 1, 1915

went in morning to studio of Emil Fuohs who made drawing which I signed. Then to Lady Pagets at Combe. Mrs. Guest and son motored me. Beautiful garden. Idea as to steps in descending our bank. Lord Curzon, Henry Croft, Mrs. Bubens, Miss Collier Lyggen Jones and others. Thence to Cambridge and Connaught hospitals at Aldershot to see wounded Canadians. Many had been sent away. Col. Turner at latter hosp. cousin. of Jas. Manual of Ottawa. In evening correspondence and conf'ce with Bennett and Aitken as to war conditions.

Monday, August 2, 1915

Bank holiday remained in town attended to correspondence and some interviews. Discussed with Aitken my proposed speech. Prepared draft of notes. Sir Chas. Ross explained position of rifle difficulty. in afternoon went to Lady Langatocke, South Lodge, Rutland Gate, to meet 15 Canadian nurses to whom *i* made short address. Her son, Hon. C. Rolls, a very clever and brave aviator was killed in her presence by an aviation accident. DuChess of Bedford and Mrs. Stone also her d. Lady L.....

Tuesday, August 3, 1915

Morning many conferences. Sir B. Martin (Chignectol Sir J. Mills, Major Todd and others. Also Lord Northbrook and Orr Lewis. In afternoon inspected Red Cross work at 14 Cookspur St. (Lady Drummond) and then went to opening of Maple Leaf Club at which I spoke and did Kipling. Mrs. Kipling Chairwoman. In evening dined with Austin Chamberlain Mrs. Clive, Sir T. Holderness Lord Selbourne and Wise. Discussed Indian immigration. Austin is to write me.

Wednesday, August 4, 1915

Discussed speech with Perley. Went over correspondence. Attended service at St. P. Very impressive. Arch, of Canterbury spoke. Read his sermon. I sat next Speaker Harcourt and Perley in seat behind. Then to luncheon at Mansion House-. Golden cup for guest. Butler brought sword (pearl handled) presented by Queen Elizabeth. Lady Samuel next to me. Then to Princess Louise for half an hour and saw her hospital. In evening addressed gathering at London Opera house. Did not do as well as I expected but many congratulations. Chairman (Lord Crewe) insisted on making a speech)

Thursday, August 5, 1915

Conference with Perley in morning as to various matters to be taken up with War Office and Admiralty; Prepared memo for Lord Moulton as to production of explosives. Conferred with many visitors 12 to 2.30 and then went to bed very tired. In evening dined with Mrs. J. Chamberlain, 40 Princes Gate. Interesting discussion with A. Chamberlain and Silbane as to progress of war and failure of munitions. Also discussed with A.C. question of our voice in Imperial relations.

Friday, August 6, 1915

Worked at War Office and Admiralty papers during forenoon. Luncheon with Canada Club. Sir G. Parker in chair who made a very eloquent speech. I spoke pretty plainly as on necessity of organization and discipline and pointed out the amazing strength of Germany in alluding to fall of Warsaw. Speech well received. Conference afterwards with Carson and wrote several letters to Perley. Dined with Lord Moulton, a most able and interesting man. Said War Office told him in November that we must provide explosives or war would stop. His statement of what is being accomplished very satisfactory.

Saturday, August 7, 1915

Conference with Jones Carson and Pyne as to Ontario gift for hospital. Urged Conv't Home. Attending rooms of Can. War. Conting. Ass'n doing splendid work for soldiers at front. Then to Victoria League Club where I addressed Australians and Canadians. Then Conference with Maitland Kersey as to transportation. He thinks Graeme Thomson able but not sufficiently experienced for some matters. Then conference with Daljat Singh of Kapurt Dala as to Indian Immigration. Then by train to Eastwell Park. Met at Ashford H.B.H. Princess Alix of Teek and "went in same motor. Very charming. Visited Australians and Canadians and spoke to them all. Most beautiful gardens and Park. Lady Northcote delightful hostess.

Sunday, August 8, 1915

Walked through lovely scented garden, bergamot lemon -verbena, old witham, Jasmine, &c. Attend service. Sir. Reg'd McLeod read lessons. Saw old Plantagenet cottage and tomb. Photos of Aust. and Can. Ban race with May a merry sprite. The Princess' boy is a dark lad, Bupert. Left at 3.05 for Hindlap Forest. Bow and had tea with Bryce. Discussed future constitutional relations of Empire with Bryce who agrees we must have voice. His place commands beautiful views.

Monday, August 9, 1915

Left for Bristol arriving at 12. met by an ex-Lord Mayor. Cheered by crowds in streets. Proceeded to Mansion and invested with freedom of City. Addressed gathering and warmly received. Then to Mansion House for luncheon and responded to toast of my health. Then with Col. Bush visited Colonial Institute gift of T.J.Lennard then to various hospitals to visit Canadians and then to Station. Councillor King presented me with spade guinea. Two young Canadians Good and Gibbs very distressing cases.

Tuesday, August 10, 1915

Received delegation as to embargo on Canadian cattle. Then attended French Ambassador to received Grand Cross of Legion of Honour. He was very courteous and kind. Then conferences with Col. Moseley as to economic conditions after war also Lefroy of "Canada". Afterwards received Belgian Minister who thanked us for what Canada has done. Then conference with Bonar Law as to sundry matters. Afterwards visited St. Marks hospital and saw many wounded Canadians. Then conference with Mrs. Pike. Very humid day.

Wednesday, August 11, 1915.

Very busy day. Amery came to breakfast and conferred with him as to conscription and as to financial situation. He suggested British Bank note issue for legal tender in Can. Conference 12 to 1 with Brade and Winter. In afternoon had long conference with B. Law and spoke of many matters. Then to Chan, of Exoh. and discussed wheat crop and financial conditions. He congratulated White on N.Y. loan. Conference with Dunn as to refining nickel in Can. Then with Capt. Mersereau, whose brains were knocked out by shrapnel, to Cheshire Cheese for dinner. Inscribed name in book. Visited Kitchen and Crypt.

Thursday, August 12, 1915.

Bruce Joy took measurements for bust. Conference with Carson and Sir G. Paish who says he can come 8 Sept. at 11. Conference with Sir G. Greene and spoke frankly to him about building of submarines. Long came to lunch. In afternoon called on Churchill and discussed work of navy and general situation. Afterwards conference with Sir E. Grey who spoke chiefly about relations with U.S. and cotton as contraband. Then very interesting visit to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind and long talk with Mr. Pearson a very wonderful man.

Friday, August 13, 1915.

Hughes returned last evening. Very pleased with trip. Conferred with him in evening as to Ross rifle &c. At 10 Dunn came as to nickle. At 11 had conference with Kitchener as to general situation. At 12 with McKenna as to nickle. Lunched with Carrick Law and Sutt. Holt present. Called on Lady Strathcona and sat for S different photographers. Visited Wandsworth Hospital, 1500 beds. Addressed gathering in concert hall. Br. &S&. H.Z. Can. Very inspiring. Saw Bennett's brother and several fine Can. Aus and N.Z. officers. Especially Col McNicholl an Aus. officer. Worked till 1.30 a.m.

Saturday, August 14, 1915.

Left at 10 for Bexley Heath and saw Sir C. Tupper. Mind wonderfully clear. He has same ideas as mine as to Can. Govt being represented in London. Thinks it should be one of our ablest men and a good speaker. Mr. Smithers met me and drove me to his place at Knockholt. Very pretty country and beautiful place. Charming family. Drove in motor to Cheveney Park and church and thence to Penshurst, very interesting old church. Saw hosp. at Sevenoaks. Left card with Irishman for Can. Pal.

Sunday, August 15, 1915.

Walked with Smithers for an hour on his place. In afternoon went to Maidstone and visited hospital. Saw two Canadians. Thence to Headcorn and called on T.W.Burden and family who were very glad to see us. Grandson Sydney a very bright handsome boy. Visited church and took photos. Then to Convalescent Home and saw 8 Canadians, 160 men have gone to Army and Navy from parish. Window carries family back to 1385. Very interesting old church. They told us of an American lady who was married in the church, a descendent of the Bordens.

Monday, August 16, 1915.

Walked with Smithers and motored to private golf course of his friend Russell. Perley same about noon. Left Smithers family after a very interesting and enjoyable visit. Lunched at Canterbury and thence to S.E. By. hotel at Deal. Very pleasant suite looking out over ocean. At 4 played on Walmer link and did fairly well. Picturesque scene of long row of vessels lighted off Deal. War vessels and merchant vessels undergoing ex'n. News that Royal Edward Transport with 1700 men on board was torpedoed on Saturday in Aegean. Pear Can. A.M.C. unit was on board.

Tuesday, August 17, 1915.

Zeppelin raid in London last Friday evening. Dropped bombs near East India Docks. This place greatly exposed. Great care as to hotel lights. Not a glimmer must be seen. Stone stairs to basement and notices there & everywhere. Met Priv. Tait of Regina on walk and afterwards saw him, Paton and Lee. Cpl. Smith of Regina at Lady Sergeants beautiful house converted into hosp. Visited Grange (Mr. and Mrs. Trumper) and Annex (Miss Higginson) and saw many Canadians. Aitken came and showed me B.Law's proposed telegram to Duke. Made some corrections. It proposed K.C.B. for Hughes. He has earned it. Played golf with Perley and beat him 8 up. News from Eastern front very discouraging.

Wednesday, August 18, 1915.

Drove to Canterbury and visited details (1340) under Col. Patterson. Fine looking men. Inspected and addressed them. They gave 3 splendid cheers. Kent Buffs went from these Barracks to Join Wolfe in 1769. Col. Mercer in command of district told me these Canadians were the best behaved men he had ever seen. Col. of Kentish regiment came to lunch at mess. His Major is a Kentish man. Col. Patterson told me he saw Zeppelin go over Home Bay night before 500 ft. height. Played golf with Perley. Did badly. Telegram from Hughes that no Canadians were on board Royal Edward.

Thursday, August 19, 1915.

Perley went to London. Germans captured Kov(?) yesterday. Very discouraging outlook in East. Fear they will capture Petrograd. Aitken came at 1.30 and had very interesting conversation with him as to coalition Gov't. He thinks it a mistake, says B. Law should have been Chan. Ex. or Min. Hun. Law and Lansdown rather against Coalition. Chamberlain and Carson strongly for. Latter influenced by wife. Has low opinion of Frenoh. thinks Kitchener very inaccurate in statements. Believes conscription coming. Will give his best aid in keeping things straight between Hughes and War Office. Perley returned.

Friday, August 20, 1915

Called at Walmer Castle. Lord Beauchamp met us and showed us over castle. Wellington's room, Pitt's bed &c. Portrait of Duke of Con't. Wellington, his godfather. Princess Pat godmother of Hugh Pat'K. Afterwards drove to Sandwich and looked at links. Mayor Sandwich always wears blacken public occasions to commemorate massacre by Danes in 9th Century. Played round with Perley and then to Deal Castle for tea. Lord Georges, Capts Lord Claude there. Castle very interesting. This morning news that Arabic was torpedoed yesterday. This Germany's answer to Am'n note.

Saturday, August 21, 1915.

Left Deal at 10.15 and played on links at Ramsgate. Beat Perley 6 up. Thence in afternoon to B. Law's at Margate. Aitken came afterwards and told me Admiralty objected to demonstration proposed at Liverpool. Discussed situation with Law, Churchill and Smith. All admit situation is grave. Asked them when Munitions will be ample. Churchill says middle of next year. Law about 5 months. Told them I must have definite information. Churchill read very interesting and forcible letter from his brother at Dardanelles expressing incompetence and apathy of officers.

Sunday, August 22, 1915.

Left Margate 8.40 Arrived London 11.20. Thence to Cliveden. Saw many Canadian wounded in hospitals. Lunchd with Asters. Mrs A. entertaining as usual. Expressed most frank and often uncomplimentary opinion respecting most prominent public men, this time Boar Law. Has very poor opinion of Col, Hodgetts who is evidently very bumptious. Conference with Hughes in evening and attended to accumulated

correspondence, Visited in pm Talow Court (Ld. Desborough) and saw Canadian nurses. Grave of Mercian kings &c.

Monday, August 23, 1915.

Conferences with Hughes and with Perley as to sundry matters. At 12 conference with Kitchener and found he had forgotten the preparation of the memo he had undertaken. Saw Gen. Ton Donop and Gen. Oaldwell and discussed munitions with former. At 2.30 conference with Comm'n (International de Revittaillement) and addressed them. Subsequently visited King George hospital. Saw Canadians and addressed convalescents in theatre. Confce Smithers at 6.3G and with Lord Grey at 7. Dined with Aitken at Carlton Club and met Law, Guest, Smith &c.

Tuesday, August 24, 1915

Awoke early and worked from 5 to 7. Conference and correspondence to 10.45. Then to Kings College Hospital with Sir Mont. Allan who desired conference. Saw several Canadian wounded. Major in command conducted us. Allan much interested. At 12.30 to Bonar Law and conference with him until 1.45. Then to lunch with him and Lloyd George who came from short holiday in country at Law's urgent request. I had told Law that unless I received definite information as to munitions &c. we should stay our hand. L. George delivered statement as to munitions, guns &c. Damning indictment of Departmental negligence. Said Great Britain would not be ready to exert full force for year or 18 months. Then to confce with Aitken, Starr, Griffith and others. Took train for Liverpool at 6. Arrived 9.35. Hughes, Carrie, and Neal accompanied me. Heal evidently very capable man.

Wednesday, August 25, 1915.

Very tired and cross. Went at 10 with Carrick to 1st Western Gen. Hospital. Very cordially received by Col. Gemmill who accompanied us throughout. Daw R.D.Waugh, son of Mayor of Winnipeg. Desperately wounded but doing well. Sent telegram to hie father. Then to 4 other hospitals about 30 Canadians in all. Tonight 150 expected from Dardanelles. Then to Adriatic. Capt. called at my cabin. Told me 46 submarines sunk to date. Three destroyers guarding us. Sailed at 2. Beautiful moonlight night. Walked on upper deck after dinner.

Thursday, August 26, 1915.

Dr. white of Phila. at our table; tremendously strong anti-German. Great friend of Roosevelt. He takes wine at dinner always gives the Toast

"To hell with the Kaiser". Capt. Lockwood & Lieut. Hammond on board. Latter from Nova Scotia. The destroyers left us about eleven. Weather very fair. Brilliant moonlight night. Passed Baltic and a Can. g.S. bound eastward. No important news from front.

Friday, August 27, 1915

A most glorious day. Sea very calm and brilliant sunshine. Turkish bath in afternoon. Eng. candidate for South St. Pancras lay on adjoining couch and bored me with his volubility. Read "Concerning Maria" a most arresting book. Also a book by Wesselitsky "Russia and Democracy". Also Foreign Policy of Sir B. Gray by Gilbert Murray. Russia and Democracy has introduction by Henry Cust and is very illuminating. Discussed banking system with Holt. He thinks there should be some restriction on branches.

Saturday, August 28, 1915.

Holt thinks White made a mistake in refusing permission to amalgamate Hamilton Bk. with Royal. Says Royal did not take initiative and were undertaking it only to strengthen situation. Dr. White very amusing. Told us of duel that he fought in 1878. He has had a wonderful acquaintance with distinguished men all over the world. Travelled 8 years ago in India and the East. Swears like a pirate when he speaks of the Kaiser or the Germans.

Sunday, August 29, 1915.

Most delightful weather thus far. Today a little cooler. A fireman apparently crazed by heat of stokehold jumped overboard. Lighted buoys immediately thrown. He grasped at log line and then swam towards buoys but evidently sank before reaching them. Boat lowered and ship stopped about an hour. In evening very interesting account from Dr. Lockwood of his experiences in Berlin at outbreak of war. English and Russians very roughly handled by mob. He escaped on 11th on an American passport. Attended service at 10.30. Very good music.

Monday, August 30, 1915.

Fog came in last night and foghorn blowing from 3.30. Once it jammed and blew for about ten minutes. Carrick wants to be Senator. Had conference with Ferguson respecting construction of Ey. from Petrograd to White Sea. Fog gradually cleared but came in intermittently. H. Wrote his name in auto album and added K.C.B. and various other titles. Very little news from war and that not good. If everything goes well

should arrive before midnight Wednesday.

Tuesday, August 31, 1915.

Delightful day but very humid. Discussed with H. extension of Parlt. term which he favours. Commenced last night and continued today Oliver's "Ordeal by Battle". Very ably written and a scathing indictment of those responsible for lack of preparation in G.B. Speaks very appreciatively of Sir E. Grey but finds some weak points. Several steamers in sight. St. Paul ahead. This voyage so far has been like sailing on an inland river.

Wednesday, Sept. 1, 1915.

Passed Nantucket lightship this morning. In afternoon took photo of Mrs. Gait and Mrs. Stephens and of the two officers Lookweed and Hammond. Weather much cooler. Tlgm from Blount and afterwards from Foster as to receptions Montreal and Ottawa. Replied accepting. Arrived Quarantine about 10 P.M. having presently taken a pilot. Lights from shore very picturesque.

Thursday, Sept. 2, 1915.

Rose very early. On deck 6.10 Landed 8.30 Very courteously treated by U.S. Customs and Imm'n officials. Interview with pressmen and gave out interview. Conference with D.A. Thomas and his sec'y and discussed munitions and orders therefor. Told him Br. Gov't ought to have made up their minds as to what they want. Greatest question was adequate supply, secondary question as to where orders should be placed. Lunched at University Club with Senator Herriok, Col. Miller present. Left at 7.45 for Lake Champlain. Hughes surrounded by Allison and Yoakum. Papers announce acceptance by Germans of U.S. proposals as to Liners. Great satisfaction in U.S. press.

Friday, Sept. 3, 1915.

Arrived Lake Champlain early. Station Bluff Pt. Went to Hotel and manager welcomed us and sent us for a drive through beautiful hotel grounds in afternoon. Saw nursery established by D.?H.By. for hedge and treeplanting on their line. Very well organized and arranged. Bathed in Lake. In afternoon Gen. Wood and another American officer called at Hotel but missed us. Left at 5.58 and arrived Montreal 8.25. Met by Com. and acting Mayor St. Pierre. Tremendous crowd. Went with al- Laura in carriage. Reviewed 5000 troops including McGill Reg't, sailing for England tonight. Then to Fletcher's Field where was assembled greatest

crowd I ever saw. Addressed them in French and English.

Saturday, Sept. 4, 1915.

Left Montreal at 8.15. Arrived Ottawa 12.15. Met by Mayor. Conducted to Chateau Laurier steps. Considerable assemblage. Address presented to which I replied for 20 mine. Function not very impressive. Then home, grounds looking very lovely. Col. Staunton on behalf of G.G. welcomed me at Station. In evening Blount came and disclosed alarming condition re Shell Com. Evidently requires reorganization. Also employment of Allison by Hughes for purchase of arsenal supplies.

Sunday, Sept. 5, 1915.

Spent quiet morning. Conference with Crothers as to his proposed visit to West. Lunched at Gov't House. Duchess looks ill. told them many incidents of visit to G.B. and France After luncheon long conference with the Duke as to my consultations with British Gov't and as to war situation. In afternoon Hazen Loughed Meighen Fullerton and others called. Described to them my visit to France.

Monday, Sept. 6, 1915.

Went early to office and was occupied with correspondence and interviews all day. Went over papers respecting shell committee. Conferred with Loughheed as to administration of Militia Department. He thinks Hughes has no executive capacity. Saw Rogers at luncheon and discussed situation briefly with him afterwards. Riddell called and reported as to position of shell com. During evening worked at correspondence. Ministers say there will be a combination of French and foreigners against us at next election.

Tuesday, September 7, 1915.

Conferences with Hughes and afterwards with Duke. Then long conference with Thomas and his sec'y as to Shell Cob. Hughes and Loughheed present. All agreed that it must be strengthened. T. thinks com. should not give out contracts to companies they represent. Conference with Sir W. McK. He says business conditions are improving. Very optimistic as to his By. Council at 3. Long discussion as to various matters especially Shell Committee.

Wednesday, September 8, 1915.

Conferred with Cantley and afterwards with Shell Com. as to status wort and reconstitution. Then with Thomas who thinks Lougheed should be a member and that Bertram should not be chairman. Afterwards lunch with Corby Barter, Northrup et al as to visit to Brockville, Then listened to statement of John Irving as to his connection with Shell Com. contracts. Afterwards various conferences and finally with Sen. Hughes as to Shell Cob. Then conference with Sifton as to war conditions and as to tonnage for wheat transportation.

Thursday, September 9, 1915.

Four letters to Thomas as to Shell Com. &c and conference with him at luncheon. Met. Gen. Mahon and also conferred with Fred Nicholls. Discussed wheat situation with W.S.Evans and subsequently in Council. Fogers brought in report for inquiry by Judge Walker. Afraid of his methods. Discussed them with Reid who has same view. Suggested P.P.Jones for Shell Com. to Thomas.

Friday, September 10, 1915.

Dealt with correspondence and held interviews 12 to 1.30. Then lunched at Bea's with Red Cross and Womens Canadian Club, inspected ambulance &c Met Egan of Regina and Capt. Allen of Truro who had been wounded act by a sniper whom he afterwards killed. In afternoon long conference with Bold who sans Rogers wishes to get out of public life. Suggested Com'r at Washington. Then conference with Casgrain as to Quebec situation. He says Coderre is absolutely of no use and there must be a change.

Saturday, September 11, 1915.

Letter from Reid as to Rogers desire to go to Washington. Conferred with Foster and afterwards with Sanford Evans as to grain situation. Poster's lack of business sense and his keen desire to undertake tasks of a practical character for which he is entirely unfitted make situation difficult. In afternoon played golf with Newcombe. In evening worked on files brought from office and prepared for Monday. Great difficulty in securing sound and undisturbed sleep.

Sunday, September 12, 1915.

Sir W. VanHorne died yesterday at two o'clock. A really great man. After our meeting at St. Stephens four years ago he told me that my

speech that night was the best political speech he had ever heard, and coming from so able a man I regarded this as the highest compliment I ever received. Rogers came to lunch and discussed transportation &c. Evidently anxious to go to Washington. Afterwards Sanford Evans who is certainly a diffuse talker. Difficult to find out what he really proposes. Very much indisposed.

Monday, September 13, 1915.

Very tired. Bose at ten. Attended meeting of manufacturers at eleven and addressed them on question of munitions. Then to Can. Cent. Ex. and spoke at luncheon. Thence to office and dealt with interviews and correspondence all afternoon to 6.30. Much discussion in press as to extension of parliamentary term. News from eastern front rather better. In evening worked at several file⁶ brought from office. McKenzie, Lyman, Jones and others called in afternoon. McInnes favours McKeen for Governor.

Tuesday, September 14, 1915.

Council in afternoon and dealt with several routine matters. Discussed with Reid Rogers' desire to go to Washington. He says B. would eagerly grasp at opportunity Blount thinks R. has lost his nerve. Bertram brought resolution of Mfrs. Com. and telegram to War office. Lather extraordinary document and decided to hold it. Meighen came as to censorship and Casgrain's curious breakdown in Toronto. Conference with Doherty as to Davidson's Com'n.

Wednesday, September 15, 1915.

Davidson tells me Com'n oan make good report. Told Hughes to prepare statement of amount of operations in hiB Department for use in report. Conferred with Foster as to Rogers and as to grain transportation. He says Rogers has no idea as to business. Council in afternoon and dealt with great amount of business. Telegraphed McCurdy to sound McKeen. Conferences with Hughes as to report of Mfrs Com. Sent Carnegie to see Thomas. Conference with McGibbon as to conditions in Quebec.

Thursday, September 16, 1915.

Various conferences. Rogers and Sanford Evans re transportation of grain. Doherty and Meighen re Rogers proposed Com'n. Asked to hate prepared statement results of former Com'ns. At 1.15 spoke at Canadian Club Luncheon. Kept them an hour. Weather very humid. Magnificent reception. Then conference with P. Lacoste and with Ball who wants

Senatorship. Council to discuss censorship. Coulter present to explain his circular. I did not approve of it. Cromwell called and said I could carry all the deficiencies of the Cabinet.

Friday, September 17, 1915.

Conference with White and previously with Bury and W.A.Black as to danger of American farmers receiving advantage - under arrangements for loan. Telegram thereon to Col. Secy and to Perley. Council in afternoon. Heard delegation from Montreal as to retirement of Coderre and appointment of Beaubien as Senator and Patenaude as Minister. M. McDonald, Marty, St. Germain and others. They regard situation as critical and action urgently necessary.

Saturday, September 18, 1915.

Conferred with Roche and offered him Governorship of Saskatchewan. He declined. Wishes Ry. Commissionership. Wrote to Lake offering it. Rogers sent Man. Free Press attacking Gov't re transportation for wheat. White thinks Sifton is in alliance with McK. and that latter is thus hedging on result of next election. Many minor interviews and much correspondence. Laurier recovering very slowly. Adhesion of lung resulting from early predisposition to consumption said to be giving him trouble. Played golf with White. Worked in evening.

Sunday, September 19, 1915.

Rose early and walked through grounds. Went with Laura to church and heard sermon from Rev. Mr. Gorman. Delegation from Montreal wished to see me. Declined as it is Sunday. Rogers and White came to luncheon. Several visitors in afternoon. Dr. and Mrs. Pilgrim of Barbadoes, General Mahon and Col.Carnegie 4c. Lovely autumn day. Mrs. laggard seriously ill. Sent telegram as to her condition. Pathetic letter from municipal Choir, Bournemouth as to dying Canadian.

Monday, September 20, 1915.

Conference with Doherty Casgrain and Blondin as to Patenaude and Beaubien and afterwards with Surveyor and Lorang(?) Casgrain impatient to bring in Patenaude. Rogers doubtful about attitude of delegation in H. of C. Long talk with Doherty afterwards and with Reid. Shaughnessy came from Montreal and discussed transportation, war* railways, &c. Jennison of N.G. reported as to Nfld. Several conferences with Shell Com. and telegrams to Bertram as to delay in shell orders.

Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

Council and disposed of considerable routine. Discussion about new Quebec minister. Rogers and Reid to go to Montreal, also Doherty and Casgrain. Rogers re transportation and Reid re Quebec and Saguenay. Doherty and Casgrain to consult members. Jennings of Mail discussed attitude of his paper and W.A. Clarke reported as to political conditions. Telegraphed to London and Hamilton that I would speak there on 28th. Dined with Ewarts.

Wednesday, September 22, 1915.

Thomas returned. Had long conference with him as to Shell Com. He thought of bringing Chairman from England. I opposed it. He takes a long time to get anything done. Secret telegram from Perley as to great drive on Friday. The Russian armies apparently making good their escape from enveloping movement. Telegram from Gen. Jones that Mrs. Jaggards condition still critical. Jameson says Laurier is lying low. Press men think he is foxing about his illness.

Thursday, September 23, 1915.

Reid returned and reported as to Forget's proposal which we cannot entertain. Forget called and I explained difficulty to him. Later in afternoon he submitted a proposal for Gov't to acquire. Casgrain and Doherty reported as to interviews with Rainville and Mondon. Not very successful in their mission. Wired Rainville to come to Ottawa. Nickle telephoned as to Sail's silly interview about recruiting. Attended to much correspondence and many minor interviews. Conferred with Thomas as to reconstituting of Shell Committee. Told him better not change chairman but appoint Executive Com.

Friday, September 24, 1915.

Long conference with Rainville who says he will be killed if Patenaude taken in over his head. Also Duverger who impressed me very favourably. Laporte spoke in favour of Rainville but thinks we should get in Tellier. Sake Says he would come if I asked him. Discussed situation with Rogers and Reid. Perhaps best solution to take in Tellier and have Casgrain represent Montreal. Telegram from Perley yesterday that great events will soon transpire in western theatre.

Saturday, September 25, 1915.

Left last night for Niagara Camp. Met at St. Catharines by Col. Loggie, Lancaster, Leonard and several ladies. Capt Morris joined us at Toronto. Reviewed 14,000 troops. Splendid men. Loggie very capable and keen. Camp arranged first class. Lunched with mess, then to St. Cath. for civic reception and addressed large gathering. Previously met and addressed all officers of force. Then to Niag. Falls with May! Clendenning and addressed meeting in Opera House. Then to Camp and dined with mess. Then to St. Cath. with Chaplin who was with me all day and spent an hour at his house. Laura and Lady Egan visited camp and Laura opened hospital during afternoon with Mrs. Chaplin.

Sunday, September 26, 1915.

Heavy rain during night. Guard around our car at St. Cath. as Col. Campbell thought it necessary. Arrived at Toronto 11.10 one hour late and proceeded to Sir Edm. Osler's. During morning Norris and Birmingham called as to arrangements for meeting and during afternoon Lt. Gov. Hendrie and others. During their visit news came of success of great drive of Allies in France which gave us great cheer. Mr. and Mrs. Garrow came for supper. J.B. McLean called to speak of his newspaper policy. He takes himself very seriously.

Monday, September 27, 1915.

Went to Bd. Trade Booms at 10.30. Magnificent view of city. Then delegations at King Edward Hotel till 1. Then large luncheon tendered by City at which I spoke. Then civic address and reception to which I replied. Afterwards inspected recruits and addressed recruiting officers. In evening spoke to 12,000 in Arena giving description of my visit to England and France. Speaking very difficult in so large a building. Allied drive still successful and everyone very cheerful.

Tuesday, September 28, 1915.

Slept on car and arrived London 11.10. Drove around city till 12. Then to Can. Club lunch and afterwards addressed public meeting. At 2.30 went to review troops. Very fine body of men, 4000 and upwards. The officers were presented and afterwards I addressed them. Then to Red Cross rooms and addressed ladies and to tea rooms. Thence to Hamilton where I dined with Mayor and Com and addressed huge meeting in Armoury. Thence to Toronto and Ottawa. Hews of Flanders battle still good.

Wednesday, September 29, 1915.

Arrived Ottawa and dealt with mass of correspondence and met several delegations. Sir W. McK. came as to loan falling due 9th Oct. I made no promise. Discussed with Lake lieut. gov. ship of Sask. He hesitates to accept. Held Council and disposed of much routine. Change of Ministers in Quebec still under discussion. Casgrain has very poor hold in his district. Sevigny opposed to Patenaude.

Thursday, September 30, 1915.

Delegation from Can. Manf. Ass'n as to Ry. situation. Talked very frankly with them. They admit gravity of situation. Attended H.R.H. who described his western visit. Sent message to Stevens as to Shell Com. Delegation from Mtl. as to Patenaude and Beaubien. They urged haste. Sent for Sifton to come to Ottawa. Wired Oousineau to come to Ottawa. Considered carefully Quebec situation. News from the front still continues good although the force of the drive seems somewhat abated.

Friday, October 1, 1915.

Long conference with Cousineau who evidently favours Tellier but will support us in every way. Subsequently discussed situation with Quebec ministers. They thought Senator-ship and portfolio too great a price for Tellier's name. Lloyd Harris and Thomas disclosed some extraordinary proceedings of Shell Committee. Cochrane returned and is quite optimistic as to political conditions in Western provinces. Delegation from Hamilton and other interviews.

Saturday, October 2, 1915.

Rainy unpleasant day. Discussed various matters with Cochrane, especially extension of Parl'y term. He wants it without any engagement for no election during war. Sifton came and promised to see Laurier. Blondin says Rainville will not resign. Sent for Patenaude. Called on Sifton in evening and had further conference. White more cheerful as to financial situation. Discussed Shell Committee with Hughes. Very tired. Must go soon for rest.

Sunday, October 3, 1915.

Magnificent autumn day. Many roses coming into bud. Ramblers also. Some flowers touched by frost last week's gale but tout ensemble very beautiful. Patenaude came at 12. Discussed situation frankly

with him and telephoned to Tellier at Joliette who promised to come tomorrow. Col. Sullen, Geo. Cowan, Harton Payne and Grant (Blind School factory) and Col. W.I. Thompson came in afternoon. War news indicates more quiet condition at front. Bulgaria preparing to begin war.

Monday, October 4, 1915.

Attended lunch of Ministerial Ass'n and addressed them on war for 35 minutes. Edwards called to say that Laurier is in favour of extending Parl'y term and will see me as soon as he is out. Tellier came from Montreal and declines to enter Gov't unless I absolutely insist. He speaks very highly of Patenaude's ability and character. Discussed whole situation with Reid this afternoon. Impertinent letter from Sir P. Benson a thick headed stupid man. Telegraphed for Sevigny.

Tuesday, October 5, 1915.

Appointed Brett Lt. Gov of Alberta and Lake Lt. Gov. of Sask. Appointed Patenaude Minister of Inland Rev. and Blondin Secretary of State. Saw Sevigny and told him he would be Speaker in next Session. Prepared introduction for Aitken's book. Attended Gov. Gen. and conferred on various matters. Edwards called and afterwards Sifton to report as to conferences with Laurier. Both said that he is willing to extend Parl'y Term. Reid says Rogers not in good form

Wednesday, October 6, 1915.

Tremendously hard day. Old man of the sea on our backs about his payment on Saturday. Many conferences him White (Toronto) Foster, Rogers, Burn, Egan & c. Telephone jangled all evening. Attended H.R.H, when Patenaude sworn in. Quebeo ministers pressed me to appoint Beaubien immediately but I refused Delegation from Bd. Trade in evening as to differential of one cent. News from Balkans bad. Greek premier resigned. Telegram from Aitken that political situation precarious. Left at eleven for Valcartier. Very tired and discouraged.

Thursday, October 7, 1915.

Very interesting day. Breakfast with the H.Q. Staff. Col. Winter accompanied me. Then review of 6,000 men till after 12. Inspected both ranks of every company. Addressed officers of entire force and

shook hands with them. Afterwards made special visit to 40th (U.S.) Reg't. Then to Luncheon in mess and to Quebec. Held reception in the Chat. Frontenac, 307 called. Dinner in evening at Lieut. Gov'r. Large company. Sir A. Routhier on my right. Very interesting. Told some stories of our bar. Wore star of St.M. & St. G. and insignia of Grand Cross of Legion of Honour.

Friday, October 8, 1915.

Returned early and breakfasted on car. Casgrain and Reid with me. Met M.G. Grant and Knowlton on delegation respecting insurance. Then delegation from B.C. as to War Purchasing Commission. Long conference which proceeded quite satisfactorily. Council in afternoon and disposed of capital case. Review of Mounted Rifles at 3. Sam(?) and Duke nearly in a quarrel as to changing the hour. McKenzie came and discussed future of his road. Col. Currie called and spoke of his good work at front and of false tales.

Saturday, October 9, 1915.

Press announces Hamilton Gault applying for divorce on account of wife's adultery. Saw Duke who is quite disgusted. F.P. Jones gave me last evening singular story of Shell Com. proceedings. Arranged for them to receive B.C. delegation who told me afterwards that they had received promise of 500,000 shells. Hear that Rogers is in poor health and most anxious to leave public life. Geo. H. Cowan wants to be a Senator.

Sunday, October 10, 1915.

Lovely bright day. Yesterday and again this morning flushed two large birds *n Bank. They went with the rush and whir of a partridge but I could not believe it was till this afternoon I saw one of them near the wild sunflowers on river brink. Went to service at All Saints. In afternoon long conference with Bowser as to B.C. affairs. He says McB. is going to London. Afterwards Mrs. Inglis and Miss Losanitch (Serbia) came with senator and Mrs. Edwards.

Monday, October 11, 1915.

Conferred with Hughes as to shell Com. and spoke of excessive prices. Conferred with Cochrane as to visit to Halifax and St. John, and as to lease of Southampton By. Played golf with Bowser and beat him 1 up after a most interesting match. In evening revised for publication my speeches in England during past summer. News from

war not very cheering. Bulgaria against us while Greece and Roumania are neutral.

Tuesday, October 12, 1915.

Council to discuss proposal to charter ships for Atlantic transportation. Many conflicting views and subject left until broker from N.I arrives tomorrow. Benin, French Consul General came to discuss purchases by Fr. Gov't at my instance. Entertained him and Dowser at luncheon. Rogers anxious for Com'n to investigate Grits. His health not good. Arranged to leave for Hx. on Monday next. Appointed new Hospital Com'n.

Wednesday, October 13, 1915.

Discussed in Council proposal to charter steamships. Harling, shipbroker, present. Seems a level-headed man. White returned from N.Y. Bushby called and said he expected to go into politics in about ten years. Lunchd with Bennett to meet Pat Burns who says West was never in such good condition. Alberta's crops and cattle &c. worth 100 millions this year. Bowser left for the West.

Thursday, October 14, 1915.

Wet and disagreeable but mild. Conference with Forget and colleagues as to Quebec and Saguenay and told Forget to put his offer in legal form. Laurier came in afternoon. Described to him conditions in G.B. as to war &c. railway conditions and discussed extension of Parly term and bye elections. He seems to favour an extension. In Council discussed further chartering of ships and sent telegram to Perley thereon. War news this evening quite encouraging German bombs killed 15 Canadian soldiers and wounded 17 last evening.

Friday, October 15, 1915.

Council discussed chartering of snips and put through much routine. Long discussion on appointment of Com'n to investigate Interior and other departments. F. Nicholls came from Toronto as to his approaching visit to G.B. White quite disturbed as to situation respecting free wheat. Telegram „ from Aitken that Carson has resigned and political orisis in G.B. is impending with little hope of solution.

Saturday, October 16, 1915.

Appointed McKeen Lt. Gov. of N.S. and passed O.C. constituting Economic Commission. Thomas arrived from H.Y. and arranged for interview tomorrow. Council discussed free wheat and investigating Com'n. Sent telegram to Hazen as to Wetmore. Completed draft of St. John speech and read portion to Council as to transportation. Sir F. Donaldson arrived. Played golf in afternoon with J.G. Foster. Draytons dined with us. Beautiful autumn day.

Sunday, October 17, 1915.

W.F. McLean arrived at 9.15 to urge what he calls a national Gov't. Wants Laurier and Sifton. Says Finance, Railways, War and settlement of West the great questions. Reappeared in evening and said he had seen Sifton. Thomas and Donaldson came from "-11 to 1 to discuss field guns and shells. Want C.P.B. to undertake purchase. Came again in afternoon and met Foster and Hughes. Told them I thought we would not undertake large arsenal. Nothing very important as to war. Roy of French Can. Reg't met death in very gallant deed.

Monday, October 18, 1915.

Held Council. Appointed McKeen Lieut Gov. of U.S. Passed order for Com'n to enquire into interior and other Departments. Met in conference representatives of Prov. Gov'ts and members of Hospitals Com. and addressed them. Entertained them at luncheon and proposed health of those at front and memory of those who in offering up their lives had made the supreme sacrifice for their country. Left at 4 by C.P.E. for St. John and Halifax. Pugsley (J.W.) and Hal accompanying me.

Tuesday, October 19, 1915.

Ganong called en route. Arrived St. John at noon. Met by Mayor and Com. of reception with bands &c. Procession to Hazen's home. Lunch there. Replied to toast of my health. In afternoon inspected West side docks and work at Courtenay Bay. Latter going very slowly. Large meeting in Imperial Theatre in evening which I addressed for 1 1/2 hours, then to car and left for Halifax at 11.30. Laura also had very busy day.

Wednesday, October 20, 1915.

Arrived Hx. at 9 and were met by Aroh'd, Dennis, Crosby and others. After breakfast went to Conserv. rooms and received delegations all forenoon. Weather not propitious. In afternoon ceremony of laying cornerstone of Docks. Cochrane and I officiated. Porter, Cont'r, a very capable man. French officers present. Also Gov'r MeKeen. Everything went off well. Silver trowel presented. Addressed those gathered, saying work spoke for itself. After this met Halifax Ex. who retailed their grievances for 2 3/4 hours. Petty patronage. In evening dined with M.C. Grant and met Arch. McCarthy.

Thursday, October 21, 1915.

Heard delegations all forenoon and in afternoon reviewed 85th Regt. and Siege Artillery. Some men in 85th weedy, but officers splendid. Afterwards attended reception at Mrs. Arch'd (with whom we are staying) and in evening addressed 4000 people in Market building. Spoke from platform some 40 ft. high. Audience very appreciative. Great basket of roses presented to Laura. Held informal reception at foot of stairs.

Friday, October 22, 1915.

Discussion on Wednesday with Tanner and F. Stanfield as to next provincial election. Several delegations to 10.30, and then 3 hours with Prov'l Ex. Several grievances detailed. Capt. John Wells especially pessimistic. Arranged conference in afternoon and held it. Intimate discussion as to prospects "Eastern Counties look bad"; "I.C.R. affairs badly conducted", "Gutelius a wild liar" &c. Then went to "Lapland" and inspected two western reg'ts 44th and 46th. Magnificent men. They cheered me to the echo.

Saturday, October 23, 1915.

Spent morning in conference with Tanner then McCurdy then McInnes, then Crosby, Arranged for Tanner to tour province and report on Dom. matters. Discussed, Senatorship with all. Gape Breton insists on consideration. Also discussed judgeship and P.M.ship. All agree O'Connor cannot be appointed judge. Crosby favours F.J.T. for P.M. McCurdy gave no advice. Left for Grand Pre at 3.10.

Sunday, October 24, 1915.

Arrived Grand Pre at 6. Found Julia living alone except at night when Miss Kennedy comes. Clear cool autumn day. Saw Eunice at Windsor and found Henry at ti. Pro. Had been playing football at Wolfville. Sir

C.J.Townshend and Mrs.Archibald of Wolfville called in afternoon. Also N.W. Eaton with regard to Foster. Left for Hx. at 5.45 and arrived at 8. Saw Eunice and Mabel at Windsor at route. In morning called on Sophie and saw Arthur and Prances and Lottie's two children, one a very good looking girl.

Monday, October 25, 1915.

Left at 8. Saw Stanfield at Truro and thence to Londonderry. He wants Senatorship and to be Minister without portfolio.^At Amherst met Rhodes. He wants to enter Gov't and spoke freely and frankly of the position. Detailed McCurdy's unsuccessful promotions. At Moncton met by Mayor and large gathering with band &c. Helped to save girl jumping from train who fell and was rolling under wheels. Addressed gathering for 15 minutes.

Tuesday, October 26, 1915.

Arrived Montreal on time. A.H.Harris came and discussed transportation matters. Blount met me with correspondence. Went to Mt. Royal Clube for luncheon and met Joseph Hold Hosraer and others. Afterwards called on French Consul at his house, 459 Sherbrooke W. and met him and Mme. Bonin. He presented certificate of Grand Croix de la Legion d'Honneur Then called on H.G. and gave him an account of my visit to England and negotiations for extending parl'y term. Arrived Ottawa 7.30.

Wednesday, October 27, 1915.

At office all day. Conference at 11.30 with Thomas, Hitohens and Brand as to Shell Committee, price &c. Hitchens evidently a sound business man. Reported to Duke at 22330 and described visit to Hx. and St. John. He thinks Germans nearly at end of their tether. In afternoon conference with Lloyd Harris as to shell Com. He says people have been directed to Allison. Discussed investigations with Meg. and sent telegram to Rogers.

Thursday, October 28, 1915.

Serbia evidently very hard pressed. Met Croly of New Republic and had him Hitchens and Brand and others at luncheon. Great discussion as to conduct of war. Council at 12. and discussed many matters. Foster flying off with grievances about shell Com. 4c. Sent for Thomas and discussed Shell Com. with him. Disposed of much correspondence. Conferred with Cochrane as to Gutelius and his

methods. Very set in his opinions. Discussed financial situation with White.

Friday, October 29, 1915.

King injured yesterday by fall from horse. Sent telegram through Gov. Gen. Also message to Times to aid in recruiting Nickle and Hepburn called as to Beck's campaign. Reid says Cochrane in very bad health. Conference with Thomas and Hitchens as to Shell Com. Latter much more practical than Thomas. Prepared O.C. increasing force to 250,000 and gave statement to press. Rogers returned and conferred with me as to investigation. M.J. Griffin wrote me that his wife's health is fatally undermined.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 1915.

Conf'ce with White as to financial situation an as to railways. Hughes suggested pay't of packages for soldiers sent through Pp'O. Sent for Casgrain and told him to consider. Doherty urged appointment of Quebec senator forthwith. Told Hughes of conf'ce with Th. and Hitch. Went with White to golf links and played 18 holes. Dinner in evening. Took in Mrs. Thomas. She is cousin of Sir Douglas Haig. Gwynns, Tadas, Edwards and wne. Thomas leaves tomorrow for N.Y. Says contracts given amount to 250 millions.

Sunday, Oct. 31, 1915.

Laura and I went for walk at 10 and thence to All Saints. Bishop of Quebec preached. Impressive appearance but not much in his sermon. Hughes called up on tel. as to connection of his Dep't with Shell Com. Disturbed about rumors in Toronto World, Abused War. Pur. Com. I spoke to him warmly and told him he should be grateful to them. Tory mild weather Serbians very sorely pressed. Perley reports pol. cond, in U.K. vary unsatisfactory and unstable. Rogers reported as to interview with C.S. and suggested that my interview with Laurier as to parly term be postponed until Calder arrives tomorrow.

Monday, Nov. 1, 1915.

Letter from White not necessary to see Laurier. Shaughnessy came and discussed ry. matters. Thinks we should have Underwood make report on ry. situation. Afraid we will take over C.H.B. and G.T.P. and leave C.P.E. out in cold. Thomas% promised interview published. Extols Shell Com. McKenzie discussed his conference with Calder and Sifton. Late in evening said they had seen Laurier who was noncommittal as to

extension of Parl'y term. I am to see him tomorrow. McK. rather urged coalition during war.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1915.

Laurier telephoned for appointment at 5. I sent for Sifton and Rogers and discussed situation with them. Sifton told me that Calder and J.H.Ross were pressing L. and urged me to suggest extension for 1 year. Saw him at 5 and he said he was practically in favour of proposal but suggested that I should put it in writing, I agreed to do so. We spoke of bye elections and he thought difficulty in Carleton and Kings, if some men nominated. Also in Man. Interview afterwards with sifton and in evening with Rogers. Delegation from Quebec as to service on Transc'l. Correspondence and discussion as to state funeral for Sir C. Tupper. Asquith made grave statement as to financial situation in H. of C. today. Conference with G.G. as to several minor matters.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1915.

White says Rogers most simple minded in some respects. Came into his office a few days ago and inquired for "the Johnnie who knows all about the Bank Act". Saw Sifton and showed him draft of my letter to Laurier. He made only one minor suggestion. Cochrane, Foster and White approved it. I sent it at 5.45. Discussed Finances in Council. White greatly perturbed Says war will cost us 250 millions next year. Telegraphed B. @aw inquiring what they are doing in G.B. as to exten. Parl'y term. Lefurgey and Arsenault came to luncheon. Laurier evidently gave information as to our interview yesterday.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 1915.

Tuppers today decided to accept State funeral which we offered yesterday. Gave Pope directions to take charge. Press reports overthrow and resignation of Greek Gov't. Conference with Hughes as to Promotions &c. Telegram from Perley as to extension of Parly term in G.B. Thos. Gibson of Toronto on behalf of promoters came with proposal to establish additional S.S. Service on Atlantic. J.Pope says Ambassador apprehends organized effort at various points to cross border and inflict damage.

Friday, Nov. 5, 1915.

Spring Rice arrived and they dined with us. He looks well and in good form. I asked him who was performing Dumba's duties. He replied, "Really they have no duties except to plan murders and explosions."

He says Dumba abler but Bernstorff more cunning. The latter occupies much of time with a mistress.

He is quite successful in bluffing U.S. Gov't, threatens them with Civil War. They have infinitely more against him than against Dumba. Wilson fears that pub. op. would not back him in war against Germany. The Adm'n strongly proally. Conference with Hughes as to promotions. Council. Attended and addressed meeting of Red Cross Society.

Saturday, Nov. 6, 1915.

Met Winston S. Churchill, novelist, but did not hear his address, which is said to be an excellent one. Conference yesterday with delegation Con. Ex. City of Quebec who detailed grievances. Called Hughes and Casgrain in this morning to settle them. In afternoon played golf with E.L.N. Dined Gov't House to meet Spring Rice. long talk with Ambassador He told Laura yesterday that Wilson had affairs with wife of Prof. X. while at Princeton. Mrs. W. proposed to get divorce but refrained because of his candidature. X. got divorce and Mrs. X. came to Washington. She and his other ladies as well proposed to marry him, but he saw and fell in love with Mrs. Gait and threw over Mrs. X. All of which may be unfounded and malicious.

Sunday, Nov. 7, 1915.

Perfect autumn morning. Flowers still in bloom on bank including roses. Ice formed yesterday morning and this morning. News from Balkans yesterday afternoon slightly more encouraging. Food supplies in Germany evidently very low. Sir F.W. Borden called in afternoon. Looks quite frail but says much better. Hichens and Grand spoke of Bennett's request as to Calgary works. Jap. Consul signed book in Japanese. Capt. McIntosh and T. Spring Rice also called and Com'r Yukon and Mrs. Black.

Monday, Nov. 8, 1915.

Reid returned from N.Y. Conferred with him on political situation which he thinks good. While he was in, Laurier's reply arrived. He quibbles about legislative programme. Cochrane and Reid afterwards came and discussed it. Long conference with Ambassador as to conditions in U.S. On his suggestion I called in press men and stated desirability of having comments moderate in tone. C. & R. think Laurier is endeavouring to force an election.

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 1915.

Discussed Laurier's letter and my reply with Sifton who suggested amendments. Quebec & Saguenay Ry matter very troublesome in this connection. Telephoned White to bring down Aird. Attended H.R.H. and discussed Honours. Spring Rice came while I was there and said that Anglo-American relations will be very difficult during next six months. Thinks, however, no danger of war. Rupert McLatohy at lunch. Saw T.S. Rogers who is very much hurt at not being appointed Judge. Council all afternoon.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1915.

Conference with Sifton yesterday morning and went over Laurier's letter. Showed him draft reply which he took away and returned to me with amendments, most of which I adopted and read to colleagues this afternoon who approved. Previous conference with Aird as to C.N.R. Also with Wood and McKenzie who proposes refunding issue to be guaranteed by Gov't of 98 millions. Subsequent conference with Senator Edwards and suggestions as to conference with Laurier. Attended H.R.H. as to honours and spoke to Kemp as to Knighthood.

Thursday, Nov. 11, 1915.

Correspondence and subs't interview with White as to C.N.R. He insists that McK. must lie down. Wrote McB. offering Senatorship for B.C. Weather very open, little frost as yet. Train for Sir C. Tupper's funeral to start on Sunday evening. Letter from Leonard as to Senatorship. Arranged to give \$25,000. to Belgian Relief fund. Conference with W.H. Moore as to economic commission. He thinks Flavelle's appointment unfortunate.

Friday, Nov. 12, 1915.

C.H. & W.J. Tapper and the young bar't arrived. Had very interesting talk with C.H. respecting his father and Reggie. He has great opinion of godson. In P.M. held Council and appointed sub.com. to deal with pensions hung up in Treasury Bd. Duke reviewed New Westminster Reg. (47th Col. Welsly) at 2.30. J.S. McL. came to discuss his desire to work with High Com'r. Wants work on Com'n Hospitals if he does not go to London. Went to Ex. of moving pictures shown by Sergeant Wells. Very good.

Saturday, Nov. 13, 1915.

Council 12 to 1. Chiefly matters of routine. Discussed reorganization of Pension Board. At 1 P.M. came letter from Laurier practically withdrawing from any proposed arrangement as to Parly term. Discussed

it in afternoon with White, Reid, Crothers, Hazen and Doherty. Drafted reply and submitted it to Reid, Meighen, White and C.S. Latter to see me tomorrow. Wonderfully mild day, like latter part of September in afternoon. Dined in evening with P.D. and Mrs. Ross. The new from war a little better.

Sunday, November 14, 1915.

A September day. During forenoon went over documents and papers. Kemp telephoned as to honours, that he would leave matter with me. Sifton came in afternoon and said L'S reply is simply a categorical refusal to make any agreement. Discussed C.N.R. matter and told him I would send Mcf. to him. Agreed on form of my reply to L. in evening several Ministers came and I submitted draft reply which they approved. Dictated correspondence and signed letters at office and went on train at 10. Had conference with Matheson McLean and Dalton as to Senatorship and Judgeship

Monday, Nov. 15, 1915.

Journeyed all day to Hz. Nine cars in train. Mulock and Fielding and Davies members of late Gov't on board. Several press men whom I visited. Called on all the cars during the forenoon. Submitted to Poster correspondence with L. and found him satisfied with our strategical position. The Speakers of both Houses of Parliament on board with the maces. A terrific storm raging all day with snow and sleet.

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1915.

Arrived Hx. 9.45. Met by large gathering. Drove to Prov. Bldg and took last look at features of one of the greatest Canadians. Then to Hotel where many spoke to me very briefly as to political affairs. Then to call on Gov. Then to Club for luncheon and then to St. Pauls. Service very impressive. Pope had arrangements well worked out. Then to grave and thence to Station and left for Ottawa at 6.30.

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1915.

Journeyed all day to Ottawa where we arrived after midnight. Sevigny says Quebec Liberals are urging Laurier to force election. He thinks they will not do nearly so well in that Province as they expect. Considerable snow on ground in Quebec district. H. McInnes and B.A. MacNab accompanied us to Montreal. Mulock insisted on our taking him right into Bonaventure Station.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 1915.

At office all day. Cleared off much correspondence. No reply from Laurier to my last letter. Read correspondence with L. to Mackenzie (Sir W.) and to Sproule. They both thought our position very good. Meighen says Willison well satisfied with it. Conference with H.B.H. as to various matters. Council 2.30 to 6.30 and cleared off large arrears. Passed O.C. for prospect of new war loan. Situation in Serbia very dangerous and relations with Greece approaching a climax.

Friday, Nov 19, 1915.

Sifton came in afternoon and discussed elections. Fears L. will carry 55 in Quebec and doubts whether correspondence sufficiently puts onus on him. Said he had written long letter to Dafoe. Conference previously and subsequently with W. McK. as to ditto and C.N.B. affairs. Col. Labatt and McGow came from Hamilton as to machine gun fund. Also C.C. Giles of Calgary as to shell orders. Dealt with much correspondence. Long conference with Beid and Burrell as to immense orders for wheat from Br. Fr. and Italjjan Govts and drafted cables Saw (?) Reg't at Station, Col. Hodgins, and met officers.

Saturday, Nov. 20, 1915.

Conference 10 with Lloyd Harris at 10.15, with Carnegie and with Hichens at 10.30, as to report from Sifton last evening respecting Allison Yoakum contracts. Carnegie evidently honest and innocent. Hichens thinks reports exaggerated but Allison evidently received a commission. Conference Smithers as to G.T.P. He says if G.T.P. goes to wall G.T. will go down. Long conference in P.M. with Hichens and Brand as to shell com. and its organization and as to financial conditions. W. McK. reported that Rogers had put fat in fire by statements to Winnipeg Tribune.

Sunday, Nov 21, 1915.

Walked around grounds and noted necessity for further shrubs. Attended service at All Saints. News this P.M. that Allies have proclaimed a commercial and economic blockade of Grecian ports. Thought out this A.M. a practicable scheme for aiding C.N.B. and G.T.P. Homer Watson and Ld. Richard Neville called in afternoon. Afterwards C.J., respecting Jackman and Nfld union and school question in Ont. He says pub. opinion in Q. greatly excited by Ont. accusations of slackness in this war. Thinks British officialdom not very enthusiastic for union of Nfld with Canada.

Monday, Nov. 22, 1915.

Conference with Poster, Kemp and Burrell and afterwards with Lionel Clark as to what orders. Discussed transp'n with T«G.S and had him at luncheon. Told him of proposed peerage. Telegraphed to W.D. Matthews to come to Ottawa. Jackman came in afternoon. Told him I could not help his journal. subscribed |25,000 to White's war loan which is a huge success. Discussed Shell Com. Reorg'n with Hitchens and Brand and afterwards with Hughes. War news rather better today. Germans blew up our cordite works at Parry Sound.

Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1915.

Long arduous day. Matthews arrived from Toronto. Conferred with him for an hour and afterwards with him and Clarke and several of my colleagues including Meighen. Discussed commandeering the wheat Council in afternoon to dispose principally of routine. Conferred with Hitchens in forenoon and again in afternoon bw new Shell Com. Flavelle to be Chairman. Previous conference with Hughes who agrees to proposals. Edwards came to report as to his interview with Laurier who awaits information from W. Moore re C.N.R.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 1915.

McKenzie and Moore came at noon and discussed conference with Laurier. At 3 went over proposed memo to him. Discussed with Meighen nature of aid to C.N.B. and G.T.P. White's loan a great success. Newspapers from war yesterday and today more encouraging. Arrangement to extend life of Br. Pari't made public, 16 months after war. Letter from Dr. J.F. Kidd who has left for front. Remonstrance because heads of Protestant Churches other than Anglican were put in back seat at Sir C. Tupper's Funeral. Conference with Hitchens Brand and Flavelle as to reorganization of Shell Com.

Thursday, Nov. 25, 1915.

Conferred further with Hitchens and Brand as to reorganization of S.Com. McKenzie and Aird in town re Can. North. Discussed it for two hours with Foster and Meighen interview inspired by Laurier re Exten. Parly Term. Gave out brief statement in correction. Long conference Smithers and Chamberlain re G.T.P. They want us to pay G.T. advances and take over stock and ownership. Discussed purchase wheat for Italy with Foster. War news not unfavourable. Suffering from heavy cold yesterday and today.

Friday, Nov. 26, 1915.

Before rising got idea that C.N.R. nightmare might be dissipated by merely putting in an estimate to protect underlying securities. Long discussion with White to whom I eventually unfolded it. Then with him and Meighen who called it "diabolically clever" We worked at it for some time. Council in afternoon. Foster getting peevish as he grows older. Wrote to Smithers and to Perlsey as to position of G.T.P, and suggested form of Smithers letter.

Saturday, Nov, 27, 1915.

Very mild day. Telegram from Aitken as to Dardanelles situation and dissections in Br. cabinet. Feud between K of K. and L.George. Very disturbing. Discussed briefly with Meighen commandeering of wheat which Foster directed after which he cleared out to Toronto. Matthews and Clarke advised it. Conference with McGarry, Ferguson and Hughes as to Ontario Hospital and as to machine guns. Press full of speculation and reports as to conferences between Laurier and myself. Hx. Bd. Trade holding pub, meeting re mail steamers.

Sunday, Nov. 28, 1915.

Therm, over 40. Very lovely day. Meighen reports deluge of telegrams from Winnipeg as to commandeering wheat, in afternoon met him and conferred as to telegrams to and from McGill and attended nearly two hours in C.P.R. tel .office conducting conversation with Winnipeg Grain Exch. Deluge of telegrams all afternoon. Foster absent in Toronto. Telegram from McB. that he will resign on Tuesday. Sat up till 1 a.m. to hear further from Meighen who desired conference.

Monday, Nov. 29, 1915.

Very tired. Sent strong telegrams to Hx. re agitation as to mail steamers. Conferred with Eogers Cochrane, White and Meighen re C.N.R. and gave letters to Aird expressing policy of Gov't. Discussed commandeering of grain and transp'n with T.G.S. Matthews, Foster and Meighen and settled price- to be paid. Conferred with Hichens and Hughes re shel l Com. and prepared statement for press. In evening Sir W.M. came and discussed C.N.B. affairs. Conferred with Sifton as to do and as to conduct of war.

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 1915.

More row as to commandeering wheat. Rogers thinks it has hurt us

politically. Discussed our program at session with -Held and he thinks it best to go thro session. White's loan subscribed twice over. Attended H.R.H. as to minor matters. Conference with Cantley who agrees to act as Chairman Com'n of inquiry into raw materials but is quite sore. Council and dealt with much routine matter. Rec'd Australian Cadets in Privy Council Chamber and addressed them at Soldiers Club Luncheon. Delegation coming from Ex, re mails.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1915.

Held council and appointed 4 senators. Wrote Hughes strongly as to his extraordinary telegram to Aitken. Most beautiful mild weather yesterday and today. War news not very satisfactory. Discussed elections with Hazen who thinks they should be held at once. He is afraid of scandals being brought forward at a session. Poster still buried under an avalanche of *i«g*a»» delegations. Meighen thinks commandeering will work out all right.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 1915.

Consulted Casgrain Blondin and patenaude as to opening Parl't on 6th Jan'y. They say it will be quite appropriate to open on 5th and adjourn over 6th, Fete des Rois. Held Council and dealt with much routine. Pope reported as to huge crops in West. Urges pressing of Prohibitory law. News from front not so satisfactory as practically all Serbia occupied by Germans and Bulgarians.

Friday, Dec. 3, 1915.

Delegation from Hax. Had conference which proceeded satisfactorily to a clearer understanding. In morning dictated part of my speech before Few England Society. Held Council and discussed appropriation of 50 millions of loan for working capital of Imperial Munitions Board. Also passed O.C. for appropriating wheat and for loan to pay for do. Rogers very angry and says he cannot be responsible. Meighen reports that arrangements have worked out most satisfactorily and that there has been no stoppage of flow.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1915.

Rogers still very much disturbed about commandeering of wheat. Says E.M.McD. reports that Laurier will agree to year's extension. Blain and D.Murphy came to speak about senatorships. Went to hear Brand's speech at Canadian Club. Attended H.E.H. at 12.30 and discussed unimportant matters. In evening worked at revision of my

speech before New England Society. Dictated speech for Pilgrims Luncheon.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1915.

Fine mild winter day. Light fall of snow yesterday. Boys skating on flats beyond river. Walked for \$ hour on river brink and with Laura at 7 through Strathcona Park &c. Very picturesque at river bank, dark river flowing below and lights of City, trams &c» on bank above. Mr. Bell Irving and daughter came in afternoon. No news of consequence from the war. British retiring from Bagdad after severe shock.

Monday, Dec. 6, 1915.

Bowman and Dr. Thompson read correspondence with L« Both well satisfied. Discussed in Council date of Session, 5th or 12th Jan. Bergeron wants increase in salary. Telegram from War Office through Carson as to sending 12 battalions to Egypt* 208 casualties in our Corps. Evidently some severe fighting. Gwatkin says Ross rifle all right and that recruiting is keeping up. Discussed pol. situation with Held walking home and came at 10 p.m. to discuss C.N.E. Bank has ordered McK. to deliver stock and he declines.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1915.

Several applicants for Senators, called e.g. A .E.Donovan. Discussed with Cochrane Quebec and Saguenay sit'n and affairs of Quebec. Jennings of M. & B. called. Read correspondence to him. He thinks commandeering of wheat a great stroke. Lunched with Riddell to meet Hughes, Hiehens et al. Dined with Hichens, a large party. Hew Board and new Com'n. Fitzgerald of C.P.H. present. Spoke in reply to fine speech from Hichen on toast of Br. Emp. Had several congratulations on my speech.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1915.

Council .and fixed opening of Parliament for 12th January. Put through many routine matters. Heavy snow storm all day. Delegation with Mayor for leave to address Civil Service. Casgrain and Roche agreed. Conference with Forget and Greenshields as to Canadian Electric Sent for Lash and had him call in evening. Read correspondence to him. He says as to L. "Shifty". Thinks we should have had election before. Beckles Willson called. News from front discouraging.

Thursday, Dec. 9, 1915.

Long conference with Flavelle respecting shell Com. and discussing demands of labour men. Subsequent conference with Labour, delegation Watters, Draper, McLellan, Somerville and others who ask insertion of Fair Wage clause in Imperial Contracts. Conference with Lougheed as to Hospitals Commission, and as to new Chairman. Forget and Greenshields as to Canadian Elec. Light Co. Afterwards Greenshields warned me that we would carry only 4 or 5 seats in Quebec and that election would precipitate bitterness and strife between French and English. Dined with Casgrains.

Friday, Dec. 10, 1915.

Telegram yesterday from Aitken that our lines have been cut near Salonika. Dardanelles to be abandoned and French to be succeeded by Haig. Discussed labour demands afterwards and met labour delegation again. Committed two death sentences in Council. Discussed character of Session, Cochrane and Rogers want it a special session to dispose of question as to Parly term. Very insistent as to this. Exceedingly tired. Too tired to leave tomorrow.

Saturday, Dec. 11, 1915.

Very busy day in preparation for departure. Sir W. McK. came at 12 and wished me to prevent Banks taking lien on his stock. I saw Flavelle who was very firm. He went to Toronto with Mel, Rogers says Grits very active. Prepared minute for Gov. Gen, as to fair wages clause in war contracts (British) Wrote thereon to Flavelle and parley. Prepared formula of statement as to purpose for which parliament called. Interview with Hearst and Ferguson as to machine guns. They read correspondence with L. and thought our position exceedingly good.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1915.

Busy in preparation for departure. Finally revised addresses. Dictated to Blount answers to correspondence. Revised statement to press as to session of Parl't. Discussed it with Rogers who assented to its form. Left at 4.45 for N.Y. D. Murphy and Senator Edwards on board. Latter said he had not spoken further to Laurier as to C.N.R. Blair of Customs also on board. Hews from near East not encouraging.

Monday, Dec. 13, 1915

Arrived N.Y, on time. Ground covered with snow and heavy snow storm raged all day. Thirty inches of snow said to have fallen. Wrote to Cushing and Wilson and gave them reports of my addresses. Collins of Vancouver at Algonquin. Arranged to go to Atlantic City tomorrow. Laura did not leave hotel on account of weather until evening when we went to see John Drew in "The Chief" Very good performance.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1915.

Left at 10.12 for Atlantic City and went to Chalfonte, a very comfortable hotel. Beautiful winter scene en route from H.Y. Trees very heavily laden with snow and sleet. Wires broken &c. Arrived 1.15. Beautiful room 601, overlooking sea. Walked two hours in afternoon. Finished Poultney Bigelow's "Prussian Memories". Allies retreating into Greece. Reports that German financiers and populace discouraged and seeking peace.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1915

Beautiful sunshine. Therm. 22. Laura not in good form. Walked six or seven miles and read several hours. Telegram from NoNab as to financial affairs of Mail. Sent code telegram thereon to Blount. Hews from front seems to indicate that allied forces got away to Salonika with no serious loss and that arrangements with Greece will probably be satisfactory. Sea air very grateful and invigorating. Storm prophesied for tomorrow.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1915.

Storm did not materialize. Very pleasant day. Walked beyond Kenton House and to Inlet with Laura and also lotng walk by myself. Austria's reply to B.S. note is supercilious and defiant. Evidently diplomatic relations will be greatly strained if not broken. Started Stephen Graham's new book on Russia which is very interesting. Laura in somewhat better form.

Friday, Dec. 17, 1915.

Laura and I walked seven miles and both rather tired. Accepted invitation from Can.Club of N.Y. to luncheon ten Wednesday. Astonishing how they find out my address. Delightful day, air very soft. U.S. press pitch into Austrian reply. Reported U.S. further note will be ultimatum. President going on honeymoon tour on Saturday (tomorrow) Received and revised proof of Hew. Eng. Society address.

Saturday, Dec. 18, 1915.

Delightful day. Long walk with Laura both morning and afternoon. Went to see moving pictures some of them very good. Wrote to Gov. Gen. and also to Blount. Prepared and sent off Xmas cards to Julia, Hal, children, Sophie and Frances - Very invigorating sea breeze. Rumoured evacuation of Dardanelles.

Sunday, Dec. 19, 1915.

Long walk in forenoon. In afternoon attended evensong at St. James Church and heard very fine music. Great crowds on board walk. Wrote to I.W.B. Accepted luncheon with officers and principal members of Canadian Club of N.Y. for Wednesday. Very delightful weather, much like October in Ottawa.

Monday, Dec. 20, 1915.

Went to see 'Beloved Vagabond' at Colonial. A photo play very good indeed. The part of Gaston de Herac very well taken. Saw also 'The Cheat' a photo play, very dramatic and finely rendered. . Laura suffered from faintness while seeing 'Beloved Vagabond' and had to take her out of theatre. All right next day. Weather very delightful.

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1915.

Packed and then went for long walk. In afternoon left for N.Y. at 2.30 arriving at 6.50. Went to Algonquin. Found letters from Wilson and Cushing as to dinner and luncheon. W.D. Held and McNab came in evening and discussed Nfld affairs. Brought memo as to defence scheme. T.L. Wilson of Ottawa died in N.Y. last evening. Allies evacuated Dardanelles without loss.

Wednesday. Dec. 22, 1915.

Went to luncheon Canadian Club. Had excel lent reception and spoke briefly in reply to toast. In evening at banquet of N.Y. Society very distinguished company of 500 fathered. Boot, Choate and many others warmly congratulated me on my speech. Burton of Ohio and Lawson of Albany also spoke. My reception most inspiring. In

afternoon visited Metropolitan Club and had tea with several Canadians, Mrs. Gerald Borden and a Russian Countess.

Thursday, Dec. 23, 1915.

Robt. Belloni called. Had not seen him for 30 years. Collins of Vancouver at this hotel. Went to Pilgrims luncheon at Ritz Oarlton. Choate presided. Had magnificent reception and very warm congratulations. Most distinguished gathering. Choate in great form. Geo. McAmeny sat next to me. Anderson, artist wants to paint my portrait. Straus want us for luncheon on Xmas. Wonderful spirit for Allies in every one I meet. Many are ashamed that America not in war. Saw "Hobson's Choice" in evening.

Friday, Deo. 24, 1915.

Laura and I yesterday and today suffering from grippy cold. L. unable to go to Andersons to luncheon. Wonderfully beautiful studio. Dr. McPhee, Dr. Eaton and Mr. Cole at luncheon. Discussed war and attitude of U.S. Many Americans satisfy themselves by saying they are helping Allies more by staying and manufacturing munitions. Silly assertion. Ho sacrifice, no endeavour. Called on Mayor Mitchell and Police Com'r Lieut. Collins assigned to guard me while in N.Y.

Saturday, Dec. 25, 1915.

Laura seriously ill and telephoned me at Straus's that Doctor had been called in. I hurried down with Dr. E. Weil but she refused to have trained nurse. Met. Geo. W. Perkins, J.H.Beck, Daniel Guggenheim, Prof . Kellogg and others. Beck says Wilson's intellect is dull and commonplace and that he is an obscure thinker. Kellogg told me of Belgian Belief Commission work in Belgium. Perkins thinks U.S. accumulated capital 30 times greater than that of Canada. Spent forenoon sitting for portrait to A.A. Anderson 80 W. 40 St.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 1915.

Laura no bettor. Telegraphed yesterday for car. Straus came and brought beef tea in thermos bottles. Took me in motor and discussed war and attitude of Jewish Communities. Says a more liberal Russian policy would be a great political stroke for allies. Thinks our Ambassador at Washington is too timid and too suspicious. Explained his own connection with alleged peace movement. Thinks Roosevelt may be Republican candidate. Regards him as not impetuous or

obstinate.

Monday, Dec. 27, 1915.

Blount arrived with Bessie and arrangements carried out for departure. Spent part of forenoon with Anderson on portrait and stayed with him to luncheon. Have been under weather for three days. Evidently impending grippe. Left at 7.45 for Ottawa. Laura greatly rejoiced to start for home but desperately ill. Worked at correspondence with Blount part of the day. Heavy fall of wet snow yesterday and today.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 1915.

Chamberlain joined us at Coteau and brought me letter from Smithers. Discussed frankly G.T.P. situation and urged us to take over the line. Confce with Cochrane, Reid and Doherty as to G.T.P. proposal at 2. Dealt with correspondence and a few interviews until 6.30. Walked to and from office. Nostrils greatly inflamed. Phoned Dr. Laidlaw in evening. Says L. very ill. Advised me to stay in. Concluded to do so.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1915.

In bed all day. Symptoms of lumbago for three or four days became much more intense while shaving. Returned to bed. Rec'd Greenshields and Forget who discussed Can. Elec. Co. affair. Advised them only course is to get bonds issued and raise money through Bank. Also conference with Morrell of International Fickle Co. Intends ejecting refinery at Hz. Lumbago getting worse. Worked at correspondence, dictation &c. all day.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 1915.

Worked at correspondence with Secy. White Hughes and Reid came and I propounded to them proposal that force should be increased on 1st January to 500,000. They agreed. Drafted address to Canadian people. Also message to Canadian troops overseas. Revised address all evening as it must go out early tomorrow. Laura somewhat better. My lumbago worse.

Friday, Dec. 31, 1915.

Awful spasms of pain from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. Absolutely helpless until Laura arose, ill as she was, and called servants. I was utterly unable to move. Dr. Laidlaw came early. Says it is a severe case of lumbago, sciatic nerve inflamed &c. Ordered me not to work. Told him i must finish address which I did amid intense spasms of pain. Miss McCurdy, trained nurse, came in afternoon and took charge of me. Laura still very ill. Has been threatened with paaumonia.